



## Aviation Memorabilia Newsletter

Since 1995



**Airbus A330 - Registration B-HLJ**  
**The first A330 delivered for passenger service**

Dear Reader,

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.

**Please note:** We do our best to identify and credit the original source of all content presented. However, should you recognize your material and are not credited; please advise us so that we can correct our oversight.

Our website is located at [www.thenetletter.net](http://www.thenetletter.net) Please click the links below to visit our NetLetter Archives and for more info about the NetLetter.



## NetLetter News



We have welcomed 211 new subscribers so far in 2020.

We wish to thank everyone for your support of our efforts.



Here are a few tips that we hope may be helpful in your enjoyment of The NetLetter.

Following is an outline of our policy regarding 'hyperlinks' within our articles.

- All links are set to open in a new 'tab' on your browser.
  - All the images that accompany our articles are 'thumbnails'.
  - Hover your mouse over the image and 'double-click' to view a larger version of the image.
  - We only publish images where we can identify the original source.
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- You may have noticed an increase of links to YouTube videos (a sign of the times).
  - Thumbnails link to the video and will open YouTube on your browser.
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- Items under 'Horizons', 'InfoCanadian' and other internal publications are extracted from our own archives.
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- Images and content submitted by our readers are published with their permission.
- We do edit submitted material for grammar and spelling but, otherwise, publish the content as submitted.



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We always welcome feedback about Air Canada (including Jazz and Rouge) from our subscribers who wish to share current events, memories and photographs.

Particularly if you have stories to share from one of the legacy airlines: Canadian Airlines, CP Air, Pacific Western, Eastern Provincial,

Wardair, Nordair, Transair and many more (let us know if we have omitted your airline).

Please feel free to contact us at [feedback@thenetletter.net](mailto:feedback@thenetletter.net)

We will try to post your comments in the next issue but, if not, we will publish it as soon as we can.

Thanks!



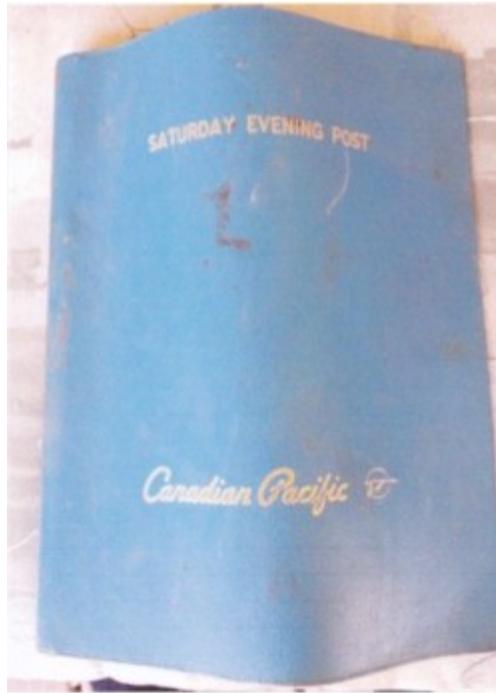
## Submitted Photos



**Neil Burton** sends us some more photos -

Below, on the left, is Canadian Pacific Airlines' Canada Goose emblem, most likely previously a wall mounting.

On the right appears to be a magazine jacket for a copy of the Saturday Evening Post Magazine with Canadian Pacific and Goose logo on bottom.



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Some photos of memorabilia of the late **Bruce Apps**, Air Engineer, who spent a little of his CPA airline career at Fulton Field, Kamloops before CP Air gave up service to the Kamloops facility to Pacific Western Airlines and B.C. Air Lines in late March 1969.

Special thanks to **Debbie McBride** who has allowed me to forward the colour prints to "The Netletter".

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CPA desk plaque



Headphone and mike



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A CPA staff notice

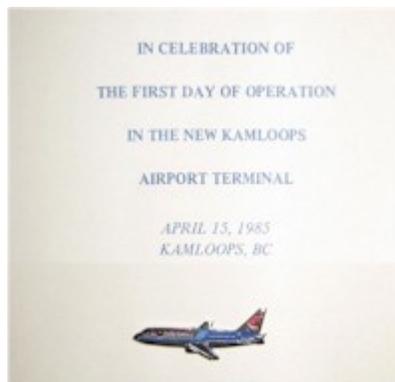


## Remember When

**Neil Burton** sent us this memory -

I just about missed this important date, as I was one of the staff making the move.

It was 35 years ago, Friday, April 12, 1985, that the 4th passenger terminal of **Fulton Field** (Kamloops B.C.), constructed in 18 months at a cost of \$6.6 million, was officially opened by **John Fraser**, Minister of Fisheries and Oceans. Mr. Fraser attended on behalf of **Don Mazankowski**, Minister of Transport. Selected dignitaries attended the ceremony, while the public got to use the new terminal on Monday, August 15.



The photo shows the P.W.A. lapel pin given in celebration of P.W.A.'s first day of operation in the new terminal.

Our employees spent the weekend, between scheduled flights, moving check-in materials and air cargo on hand, to the new terminal. P.W.A. moved from the 3rd terminal (now the Airport administration), which was

originally opened on August 15, 1964, by **The Honourable J.W. Pickersgill**, Minister of Transport.

Opening of the reconditioned airport had a western theme. This terminal, costing about \$100,000, housed airport manager's office, coffee shop and weather station.

Work on the airfield, begun in 1962, amounted to \$3,000,000 in upgrades. The air radio station, previously at Ashcroft

Manor, was then moved into this terminal building by April 1966 and then the Department of Transport (D.O.T.) took over the weather observation, previously observed by the City of Kamloops staff, on June 30, 1966.

Alterations to this terminal were made in 1968 to accommodate the increased passenger loads of the Boeing 737 aircraft. The second passenger terminal building (R.C.A.F. vintage era 1943) was that used by Canadian Pacific Air Lines for its pre-inaugural air service from Vancouver, through Kamloops, and on to the municipalities of Williams Lake, Quesnel to Prince George and return, on April 15, 1950 using DC-3 equipment. That terminal housed the C.P.A. offices and the weather office over the years.

Beginning in May 1957, **Mrs. Franson** applied to have a lunch bar in this building. This structure, when not needed on the airport, was moved to 2680 Tranquille Rd, just a short distance from the east end of the runway and is still used as family accommodation.

Building No. 1 was constructed prior to the official opening of Kamloops Municipal Airport on August 5, 1939. It was a hangar, with an attached building, believed to have been the clubhouse of the Kamloops Aero Club. In 1942, this building was either disassembled and moved, or just moved to the entrance of the present airport, near the present Progressive Air Services building, when construction began on the airport.

Kamloops Aircraft Ltd. sought to purchase this building from the City of Kamloops, when the city decided to turn the airfield back to the Department of Transport (March 31, 1961). The D.O.T. saw the need for the hangar during reconstruction of the airport, which began in 1962.

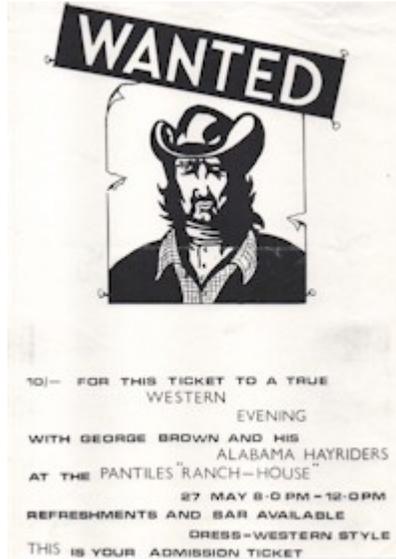


The hangar still had the name of **Pacific Western Airlines Ltd.** on it, in a photo used in the local paper in July 1963. Approximately, October 1964, **Frank Arnish**, the weather observer, and a family member bought the structure from the War Assets department and dismantled it.

The materials were sold to Jack Duffy of Anglemont Estates, located on the north Shore of Shuswap Lake. This photo of the structure, still bearing Pacific Western Airlines Ltd. name appeared in PWA "**Flightlines**" magazine Vol 11 #14, August 15, 1986 – page 15, with this caption:

***"This neglected hangar was found near a little grass landing strip near the Anglemont resort in B. C."***

**Jack Morath** sends this memory -



This is the poster for one of our many ACRA events. This was a Country and Western style evening at The Pantiles Pub in Bagshot (Surrey Heath, England) which had an old barn type building attached which was ideal for this event.

**Peter Baldry** and myself organized it using the poster as an entry ticket as well. This pub was used in earlier times by **Douglas Bader** the famous second world war pilot during his courting days with his future wife.

Another event Peter and I organized was a Hawaiian themed evening in Staines.



## Women in Aviation



During November 2015, Ethiopian Airlines dispatched its first-ever flight operated by an all-female crew. The flight was scheduled to depart for Bangkok, Thailand. The airline says it wants to promote women's empowerment and encourage more African girls to pursue aviation careers.

(Source: [en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Timeline\\_of\\_women\\_in\\_aviation](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Timeline_of_women_in_aviation))



Ethiopian Airlines pilots Amsale Gualu and Selam Tesfaye.



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## TCA/AC People Gallery



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 *airNova*

 *NWT air*



# HORIZONS

Here is the cover of the enRoute magazine issued March 2013.



Source : [issuu.com/spafax/docs](http://issuu.com/spafax/docs)

## Grand piano visits Vancouver International Airport (YVR).



An Air Canada Cargo agent polishes a Bechstein grand piano after it arrives at Vancouver International Airport on a DC-8 freighter.

This was the piano's first stop in Canada before travelling to 32 communities in British Columbia to be played in concerts organized by [Jeunesses Musicales du Canada](http://Jeunesses Musicales du Canada), a non-profit organization founded in 1949 to give Canada's youth greater access to classical music.

(Source: [enRoute March 2013 edition](http://enRoute March 2013 edition) - page 122 - used with permission)



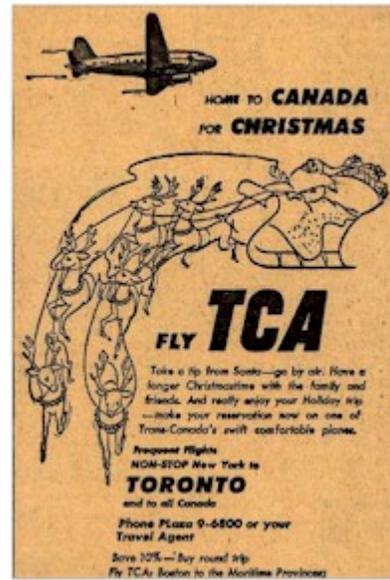
Here are some adverts from the 1940's from [www.vintageadbrowser.com](http://www.vintageadbrowser.com) -

Left, TCA inaugurates North Star New York to Toronto.

Trans-Canada Air Lines  
Canadian Rockies -

Fly TCA home to  
Canada for Christmas.

Canada's great wide west –  
for a Vacation Above  
Everything.



## Return to International travel Montreal - Geneva.

Posted on Facebook by **Luc Mayne** on July 4, 2020.

This morning at 8 a.m. we were looking forward to it To celebrate the resumption of long-haul flights, nothing less than a magnificent B-787 Dreamliner that arrived from Canada.

Since this flight was never operated with this plane, Genève Aéroport's firefighters (SSLIA) took out two large fire trucks for the traditional "Water salute".

There will be 3 flights per week to Montreal until July 20. Starting in August, it will be every day.



to view the video.

## Fresh air.

Oxygen is scarce above 10,000 feet, yet we take for granted that as the plane slices through the stratosphere at 35,000 feet, we're on the inside, breathing easy. That's all thanks to cabin pressurization, first introduced in 1939 with the Boeing Stratoliner. This invention revolutionized air travel, allowing aircraft to fly higher in low-friction atmosphere while

maintaining cabin air pressure and oxygen levels equivalent to those at 8,000 feet.

Modern aircraft are equipped with ventilation systems so efficient you hardly notice they are there. Air flows constantly into the cabin via ceiling ducts and back out through vents near the floor. It is refreshed every few minutes, more often than in your home or office.

The cabins of Air Canada's mainline fleet use a mix of outside air – drawn in and compressed to maintain cabin pressure – and purified cabin air that passes through high-efficiency particulate air (or HEPA) filters. This fresh-filtered combo makes it easier to regulate cabin temperature, maintain some humidity and ensure that the total air supply is sterile and particle-free. In fact, it is cleaner than in many other indoor spaces.

So, that little nozzle above your head: It's a breath of fresh air. The extremely close-knit fibres in HEPA filters remove at least 99.9 percent of particles, including microscopic viruses and bacteria. The filters on all Air Canada mainline aircraft are similar to those in operating rooms and high-tech factories.

Multiple studies, including one by the European Union Aviation Safety Agency in 2017, found that air quality in aircraft cabins is similar or better than what is observed in normal indoor environments on the ground.

Before the advent of pressurized cabins, flight attendants were registered nurses who could care for passengers made sick by turbulence or the effects of altitude.

(Source: [enroute.aircanada.com/en/article/airplane-ventilation](http://enroute.aircanada.com/en/article/airplane-ventilation))



From the "**Horizons**" magazine

Issue dated **May 1992**.

### **A Viennese treat.**

An old Viennese pub was the scene for a party held in honour of Senior Customer Sales & Service Agent **Ingeborg Stingl**, who retired after 17 years of service.

She is pictured here with her colleagues, back row. left to right: **Hans Sittler**, Personnel Manager, France and Central



Europe; **Klaus Jagschitz**, Passenger Agent; **Christian Lenz**, Airport Services Manager; **Monika Weissmann**, Cargo Agent.

Middle row, left to right: **Henry Mazuruk**, Sales Agent, Warsaw; **Ingeborg Stingl**; **Angelika Hammer-Schloesser**, Manager, Austria and Southeast Europe; (sitting) **Nora Castrini**, Passenger

Reservations Agent.

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### **In appreciation.**

Air Canada staff in Bermuda were presented with an award of appreciation for their support and assistance by the Canadian Armed Forces Base in Bermuda.

This presentation signifies the strong relationship that continues to grow between the organizations.

Our colleagues in Bermuda are, from left to right: Customer Service Agent **Polly Peters**; **Rita Johnson**, Senior Customer Service Agent; **Felicia Pike**, Customer Service Agent; **Ian Davis**, Manager, Bermuda; **Major Syd Helmkey**, Canadian Armed Forces Liaison Officer, who presented the award; **Lucy Fox**, Customer Service Agent; **Marc Rosenberg**, General Manager, Passenger Sales, U.S. and South; **Janet De Silva**, Customer Service Agent and **Noel Rodriguez**, Maintenance Representative - Canada.



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**Jumbo feat The Gladiator uses plane strength to pull B-747.**

A British professional strongman has rewritten the record books.



Strongman [Dave Gauder](#), better known as "the Gladiator" in England, achieved the unthinkable on May 19, 1992 - he pulled an Air Canada 747-400 jet 7.5 centimetres at London's Heathrow (LHR) Airport. The giant aircraft including fuel on board, weighed in at 200 tonnes. And it was all for a good cause.

The event helped raise thousands of pounds (sterling) for the British Red Cross. The mega-muscle feat also landed the 235-pound

Birmingham man a spot in the Guinness Book Of World Records.

Earlier this year, Gauder, who holds 10 world records for pulling other modes of transportation such as a Concorde, a B-52 bomber and a Japanese bullet train, volunteered for the event and the Red Cross appealed to airlines for the use of an aircraft.

London-based Aircraft Services Supervisor **Malcolm Wadman** and Load Agent **Dave Gunderson** read about the appeal in the local airport newspaper, and approached Air Canada.

Wearing a harness attached to the front area, Gauder was given assistance by Air Canada Mechanics **Alan Washington** and **Alan Quartermaine**, who made a special bracket to ensure the harness was property secured.

Red Cross staff manned a special donation telephone line to collect money pledged by Britons intrigued by this strenuous and unusual achievement, and the event was reported in the media throughout the world.



## CP Air, Canadi>n People Gallery





Here we have this Canadian Pacific Air Lines advertising for their flights to Australia in 1949.

(Source: [vintageadbrowser.com](http://vintageadbrowser.com))



Below are some postings we found on Facebook



A group of lighters given to first class passengers posted by **Peter Massey**.

**Colleen Evans posted this photo.**

Photo below left, Canadian Trade Fair 1972 - on the ramp in Peking, now Beijing, PRC. Standard DC-8, Aircraft 601.

At the time this picture was taken it had the greatest number of hours on the airframe of any DC-8 in the world. I am the female F/A on the far right, next to Purser **Willie Gherig**.

This was a fabulous experience - note the portrait of Mao Tse Tung on the terminal.

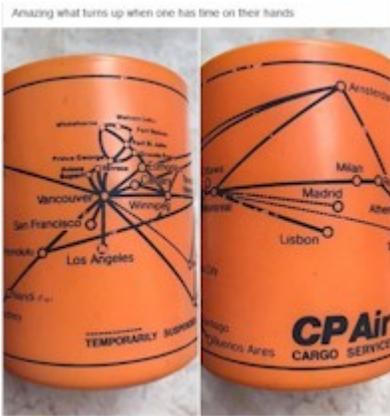
My son framed this picture and gave it to me for my birthday a few years ago:

Left to right: **Gary Grant, Colleen Campbell, ?, Suzanne ?, Colleen Evans** and **Willie Gherig**.

So many years ago! Trying to remember all the names. If only the Reunion were still on this year.

Photo below right, identified by **Ken Pickford**, was taken at the CP Air (now AC) Operations Centre at YVR. The large CP Air logo, lighted at night, was on the east wall of the hangar.

[Click Here](#) to view this wall today.



**Brian Simpson** posted this photo on May 22, 2020.

**John Mikkelsen** posted this photo of the graduation day May 1976. He is the second from the right bottom row.





## Featured Video(s)

### **EHang Holds AAV Sightseeing Flight Trial.**

Urban air mobility company EHang announced on Tuesday that it has successfully conducted several aerial sightseeing trial flights using its EHang 216 autonomous aerial vehicle (AAV).

The trial flights took place in Yantai, China, as part of the company's world flight tour campaign, which is aimed at demonstrating "the reliability and versatility of its passenger-grade AAV's through safe autonomous flights."

EHang's AAVs have now completed demo flights in 21 cities and six countries including China, the U.S., Austria, Netherlands, Qatar and UAE.

Source: [www.avweb.com](http://www.avweb.com)



Videographer [eyetraper](#) has posted this video of Canadian North's 21 year old B737-300 (Registration C-GCNO) sporting CFL (Canadian Football League) livery.



## Odds and Ends



Name this airline – answer below.

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This photo of Watson Lake, Yukon airport was posted on Facebook by **Anthony Herben**.





# Wayne's Wings



**Wayne  
Albertson**

## **The first Airbus A330**

I was quite surprised to receive an email notification from Simple Flying advising that the world's first Airbus A330 (MSN012) has been retired more than 27 years after its first flight as the A330 prototype in 1992.

Original registration, F-WWKA, with Airbus Industrie was built back in 1992 as a prototype and used for certification flights before being delivered to Cathay Pacific in October of 1996.

B-HLJ served its entire almost 24 years of passenger service with Cathay Pacific and its subsidiary Cathay Dragon (aka Dragonair). It was withdrawn from service on July 6 and stored at Taipei July 17.

Its fate is now uncertain but it would be appropriate for this landmark aircraft to be preserved somewhere.

References:

[Simple Flying](#) story

[Planespotters.net](#)

Additional info by **Ken Pickford**:

By the time that aircraft was refurbished and delivered to Cathay Pacific in October 1996, several dozen A330's were in service with other airlines. The first A330 operator in January 1994 was French domestic carrier Air Inter (which merged with Air France in 1997). Other early A330 operators included Thai Airways, Aer Lingus and Malaysia Airlines.

The A330-300 was somewhat unusual in that the stretched -300 model came first, several years before the shorter but longer range A330-200 which went into service in April 1998, four years after the -300. Interestingly, the first operator of the A330-200 was Canadian charter (and briefly scheduled) carrier Canada 3000 which ceased operations in November 2001.

[Ishrion Aviation](#) posted this excellent tribute to the aircraft.



## 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.

### Answer for the mystery airline in Odds and Ends.

[Air Tahiti Nui](#) is a French airline headquartered in Papeete, Tahiti.

The airline was established in 1996 and started flight operations in 1998.



YouTube videographer, [eye trapper](#), has posted a video of Air Tahiti Nui landing in YVR.

**Ken Pickford** explains why Air Tahiti Nui is now stopping in YVR:

With Air Tahiti Nui (code TN) still operating Papeete-Paris (currently daily in each direction) with a fuel stop at YVR instead of the usual LAX stop due to Covid-19, most days they have 2 flights stopping at YVR for fuel and crew change.

On July 17, 75% of their entire fleet (3 of 4 Boeing 787-9's) landed at YVR within about 90 minutes, the two regular eastbound and westbound flights which landed 3 minutes apart, plus an additional eastbound flight an hour or so earlier.

YVR is just a technical stop and passengers remain on board during the stop (when they stop at LAX they can carry passengers to/from LAX). Elapsed time PPT-CDG roughly 20 to 21 hours, with each leg usually slightly over 9 hours plus the approximately 90 minute YVR stop.

Air France also operates CDG-PPT 3 days a week, also stopping at YVR instead of LAX (like TN, tech stop only, no passengers to/from YVR). A third French airline, low-cost carrier French Bee (code BF) has a weekly Paris (Orly airport)-PPT flight that stops at YVR (normally SFO), meaning a total of up to 22 flights a week in both directions between Paris and Papeete making a technical stop at YVR.

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### **Cruise interline rates for employees – a first!**

Starting now, Air Canada employees and retirees can take advantage of exclusive cruise interline rates for cruise-only bookings and shop directly from the Air Canada Employee Travel Site (ETS)

When accessing the AC Vacations tab through ETS, employees/retirees will see an option for cruises. The cruise button will open the Air Canada Vacations website for employees/retirees to shop for exclusive rates with select cruise lines: Royal Caribbean, Celebrity Cruises, Azamara and Carnival.

These exciting new rates—a first for employees—are available for employee exclusive bookings and retirees. Employees are encouraged to take note of the difference between "**ACV Special Rates**" that are available for most sailings, "**Exclusive Cruise Interline Rates**" that are available for select sailings or the best available rate for the departure dates requested.

Check out the new cruise rates today by visiting the ETS on ACAeronet It should be noted that employees considering leisure travel (that are not commuting directly to and from work) are cautioned to research any regional government restrictions that may impact their travel, including mandatory quarantine periods that may apply either at home or abroad.

It is your responsibility to familiarize yourself with the applicable regulations

(Source: AC Daily July 17, 2020)



Here are some interline deals by Dargal.

- Princess Royal Princess - 22 May 2021 - Vancouver to Whittier Interior from \$440.00
- Royal Caribbean Quantum of the Seas - 10 May 2021 - Seattle round-trip Interior from \$517.00
- Princess Grand Princess - 28 Jan 2021 - Singapore round-trip Interior from \$749.00
- Carnival Carnival Panorama - 27 Feb 2021 - Los Angeles round-trip Interior from \$284.00

Rates are quoted in U.S. dollars per person (based on double occupancy).

Cruises - PORT CHARGES ARE INCLUDED in cruise rates.

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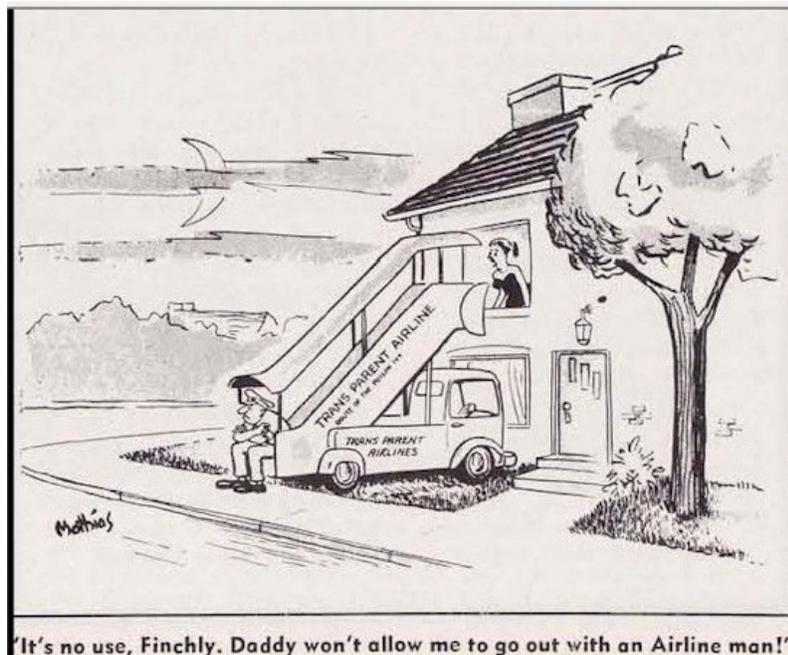
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## Smileys



Our cartoon by Dave Mathias was in the "**Between Ourselves**" magazine issue dated June 1966.





## The NetLetter Team



**Wayne Albertson, Ken Pickford & Terry Baker**  
Richmond, British Columbia - December 2019  
(**Bob Sheppard** was not available for the photograph)



We wish to honour the memories of  
**Vesta Stevenson** and **Alan Rust.**  
They remain a part of every edition published.

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