

Aviation Memorabilia Newsletter

Since 1995





Pratt & Whitney Canada Boeing 747SP
Registration C-FPAW
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Dear Reader,

Welcome to **The NetLetter**, established in 1995 as a dedicated newsletter for Air Canada retirees, we have evolved into the longest running aviation-based newsletter for Air Canada, TCA, CP Air, Canadian Airlines and all other Canadian-based airlines that once graced the skies.

The NetLetter is self funded and is always free to subscribers. It is operated by a group of volunteers and is not affiliated with any airline or associated organizations.

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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NetLetter News



We have welcomed 129 new subscribers so far in 2021.

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



Back issues of The NetLetter are available in both the original newsletter format and downloadable PDF format.

We invite you to visit our website

at <u>www.thenetletter.net/netletters</u> to view our archives.

Restoration and posting of archive issues is an ongoing project. We hope to post every issue back to the beginning in 1995.

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: Trans-Canada Air Lines, Canadian Airlines, CP Air, Pacific Western, Eastern Provincial, Wardair, Nordair, Transair, Air BC, Time Air, Quebecair, Calm Air, NWT Air, Air Alliance, Air Nova, Air Ontario, Air Georgian and all other Canadian based airlines

that once graced the Canadian skies.

Please feel free to contact us at 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!





Coming Events

CFB Borden Air Show set to return.

After being cancelled due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the **Canadian Armed Forces Day and Air Show** at CFB Borden, near Barrie, Ontario, will make its return.

CFB Borden has confirmed that its Canadian Armed Forces Day and Air Show will take place on June 11 and June 12, 2022.

Sources:

Borden Citizen

CTV News Barrie







Subscriber Feedback

Subscribers **Monika** and **Wayne Hilson** contacted us to advise that **Eva Mossop** celebrated her 100th birthday.

Ms. Mossop is seen in the photo below (2nd from right) taken at YVR with a group from the Canadian Maple Wings Association.







Submitted Photos

Thanks to **Shirlee Schacter** for sending us this photo of The NetLetter founder, **Vesta Stevenson**, with legendary Air Canada CEO, **Claude Taylor**.

The photo was taken during the Pionairs AGM at San Francisco in 1992.







Remember When

Norm Foster shares another of his memories -

The Door

Captain R.H.J. (Reg) Smith was a legend within the pilot group of Air Canada and, eventually, within the worldwide pilot group after becoming President of the International Federation of Air Line Pilots. During his lengthy career in the RCAF and Air Canada, his exploits, which would have been difficult or impossible to most of us, were just routine to him.

Reg had always admired the antique front door Sue and I had installed on our home in Niagara-on-the-Lake.

It featured a stained glass panel that depicted an ancient ship in full sail, and he had extracted a promise from me that should we ever sell the house, he wanted the door. So it was, when that day eventually arrived, the house went on the market, front door not included. Following the sale of the house it was then up to Reg to figure out how best to get the door to his chalet type home in Ile Perrot, Quebec.

I didn't have to wait long before I got the call. Could I arrange to get the door to my office located near Pearson Airport in Toronto? He would handle it from there. Although completely in the dark as to Reg's transportation arrangements, I had the door waiting in the parking lot of CALPA Headquarters at the appointed hour.

Soon, Reg arrived in full Air Canada uniform and, with his First Officer's help, they loaded it into a borrowed pickup truck and headed back to the airport. The rest of the story, I was to learn later!

The early 80's was a whole different world in aviation. Security inspections had not yet proved necessary.

There were no barrier fences completely surrounding the airports, and in Toronto, the pilots' parking lot opened directly onto the ramp with full access to the passenger loading bridges of Terminal 2. Reg used all these facts to accomplish his goal. With one at each end, the two pilots marched the door across the ramp, up the stairs to the aircraft, and only then faced the question of where in the cabin to stow it. After being rebuffed by the In-Charge Flight Attendant from attempting to fit it in the forward galley, and finding no way to secure it in the First Class cabin, Reg settled on the Flight Deck! With one end pushed up against the throttle quadrant and the other protruding through the open fight deck door, he climbed into his seat and proceeded with the pre-flight cockpit check. Problem solved!

On arrival at the Dorval Airport, things were a little trickier as outside access was not an option. Little deterred and with remarkable calmness, Reg made his move. With a uniformed pilot at each end, the door was making its way through a

flabbergasted terminal, when approaching from the opposite direction came the Chief Pilot!

Determining the cause of the approaching commotion, he suddenly recognized the uniformed perpetrator.

With a discretion learned through years of confrontation, and knowing that Reg always had a plausible explanation for an improbable situation, he continued straight ahead to the calm of his awaiting aircraft.

The door looked like it had been made for Reg's house.





Women in Aviation



In <u>NetLetter #1444</u> we published details of the commemorative stamps issued by the East Canada Section of the Ninety-Nines in order to celebrate Canadian women pilots representing various flying careers.

Please note that these stamps cannot be purchased at Canada Postal outlets but are available at

<u>www.canadian99s.com/stamps</u>.



Lorna Vivian deBlicquy, first Canadian female civil aviation inspector.

Designed by Suzanne Wiltshire, the stamp shows Lorna Bray's childhood interest in airplanes, and her later acting upon that early interest as a teenager.

The stamp was introduced on October 19, 2011, the 65th anniversary of the date Lorna first experienced the exhilaration

of flying. At age 14 Lorna was strongly committed to learning to fly. With her parachute jump with the Ottawa Parachute Club in 1947, the 15-year-old teen became the youngest Canadian to skydive.

When Lorna earned her private pilot license on September 14, 1948 at age 16, there were few career opportunities for

female pilots.

Completing her Commercial License in 1952 and a BA in 1953, her first career was high school teaching. A flight instructor in her spare time, she confirmed her passion for flying and soon moved to aviation as her full-time career.

For more info on the career of Ms. deBlicquy see:

canadian99s.com/lorna-deblicquy-2

and

en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Lorna_deBlicquy





Air Canada News



Air Canada Resumes Multiple Routes.

Air Canada resumed various routes recently, including Calgary to Frankfurt (August 1st); Toronto-Dublin (August 1st); Montreal-Tel Aviv (August 1st); Toronto-Zurich (August 3rd); and Montreal-London Heathrow (August 3rd).

Celebrating the return of Air Canada was Frankfurt Airport. This summer, the Canadian airline has the third-highest number of long-haul seats from Frankfurt of any non-German carrier, behind only United Airlines and Emirates. Toronto, Montreal, and Calgary are served, with Calgary currently three-weekly, rising to four-weekly in September and once-daily in November.

Source: SimpleFlying.com



for the latest posts at the Air Canada Mediaroom.



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Star Alliance News

Passengers using **Star Alliance Biometrics** platform enroll only once.

Passengers then can pass through biometrically enabled touchpoints across multiple member airlines and participating airports using just their face as their boarding pass.

This speeds up the passage through the airport while making each step completely touchless, supporting important health and hygiene safety measures in times of COVID-19 and delivering on Star Alliance's vision of a seamless customer experience.

Source: www.staralliance.com/en/biometrics



We're flying towards a greener future. Our member airline **Swiss** International Air Lines reached a major milestone with the arrival of 'Davos', the 30th Airbus A220 in their fleet.

Davos releases less CO2 than other planes and is much quieter on board.

Source: www.facebook.com/staralliance/posts

All Nippon Airways (ANA), Japan's largest and 5-Star airline for eight consecutive years, will begin using Face Express - an innovative facial recognition technology - to improve the customer experience and streamline the boarding process starting from July 19, 2021.

Part of ANA's initiative to offer additional contactless services, the new check-in procedure will be introduced on international flights departing from Narita International Airport.

Source: www.anahd.co.jp



TCA/AC People Gallery



🏶 airOntario









Larry Milberry has put together a blog named '**The Great Lockheed Twins**'. Click Here to open the blog.

We have, with permission from Larry, some of the photos and story of those aircraft which ended up at Trans-Canada Air Lines. We will present these over several upcoming issues of The NetLetter.

Source: via Larry Milberry www.canavbooks.wordpress.com



Excerpt from Larry's blog:

A famous old **Trans-Canada Air Lines (TCA) Lockheed 14H-2** was **CF-TCN**, which had begun its Canadian career in May 1939. However, with its new fleet of DC-3's serving

Canada so well postwar, in 1947 "TCN" was sold to Montreal Air Service. In May 1951 it moved to Winnipeg for Central Northern Airways, then joined Argosy Oil and Gas of Calgary in 1956.

Through the 1950's such Lockheeds were favored by Canadian oil companies. While a DC-3 offered a more comfortable VIP cabin, the Lockheeds had speed, so could reach their business destinations across Canada in Toronto, south to Texas, etc. much faster.

I was quite excited when spotting "TCN" at Malton on November 25, Commander Aviation of Toronto had acquired it, so the freshly-painted "TransAir" colours were baffling. Others had title to "TCN" until in 1964 it finally went to Execaire of Montreal, an upstart corporate charter company. I've heard that "TCN" was Execaire's first aircraft.

The company gradually grew into Canada's premier bizjet charter operation. Today it operates a fleet of Challengers and Globals.

Does Execaire remember its humble beginning with a beautiful little 1939 Lockheed 14? I took the photo above on the Airport Road side of Malton on the Sanderson Aircraft lot. Across the field (and across Runway 28- 10) you can see one of the old wartime hangars, which by this time mainly were occupied by corporate DC-3's, Lockheeds, Doves, Beech 18's, etc.

Editors' Note: CF-TCN was delivered to TCA on May 25, 1939 and assigned fin #36 and sold to Montreal Air Service on April 21, 1947 after accumulating 17,178 hours.

Execaire is now part of the Innotech/Execaire Group.

Source: Air Canada "A pocket guide" by Frank Pooley.



Found in the 'Between Ourselves' magazine.

Issue dated August 1969.

Are you there?

Traffic ground to a screeching halt along Montreal's fashionable Sherbrooke Street as the photographer assembled the above group of 170 graduating stewardesses for a "class photo".

The girls are members of the largest group of trainees ever assembled by the Company.





Found in 'Horizons' magazine

Issue dated **December 1992**.

Flap repair.

When fin 211 (C-FFWN, c/n 054) took off from Dorval on October 27, 1992, the pilot reported some slight vibrations. In fact, it was the main landing gear tire tread which had failed during the take-off roll and damaged the right hand inboard flap. The A320 landed safely in Vancouver but without a new flap, it was stranded.

Materials Management managed to secure a spare flap from a U.S. company within 24 hours, but they realized it was only a temporary solution. The options were to repair the flap or purchase a new one. They chose the repair route as the less expensive option. This group was instrumental in ensuring the A320 flap work was completed on time.

From left to right, front row, are: Yvon Comtois, Jean-Louis Hélie, Reggie Bowes, Jim Gelsthorpe, Bev Teague, Judy McKay, Diane Dryburgh, René d'Heilly, Angelo Rei, Normand David, Peter Ciarma, Gaspard Granata and Keith Routledge.

Back row: Bill Gibson, Bob Purcell, Yves Renaud, Rick Schofield, Raymond Lalande, David Tuff, Bert Walser, Max Eichner, Mike Kandiliotis, Wayne Pilling, Ross McDermott and Mohamed Benchabla.

Missing from the photo were: **Bridget Gonsalves**, **Jacques Laberge**. **Mike Hawraniak**, **Brian Griffiths** and **Gerry Deshaies**.

Photo by **Brian Losito**.



Issue dated January 1993.

Bye, bye RB211.

Employees from Dorval's Power Plant Shop bid farewell to the last Rolls-Royce RB211 engine overhauled by Air Canada.

"This ends a long relationship with Rolls-Royce, which dates back to 1943 when our converted Lancasters were equipped with Merlin engines," says **Val Jurkovic**, Manager, Power Plant Production.



Christmas in Frankfurt.

Frankfurt's Cargo Handling department and some former colleagues gathered together for the annual ACRA Christmas party.

Smiling for the camera were, back row, left to right: **Mike Barker**, Cargo Agent; **Konrad Bossdorf**, Cargo Sales and

Service Manager; Cargo Agents Mattia Tauchert and Michael Weimer;

Eckhard Hausch; Uwe Pochert and Alexandra Bieser.

Michael Munster; row, kneeling: Blaufuks; Ludwig Hamburger, Senior Cargo Agent and Thomas Hock, Cargo Agent.



Captain Lamb's last flight.

Saying goodbye doesn't come easy after almost 40 years of service, but Toronto B-747 Captain Jim Lamb takes it all in stride.

Wishing him well are, front row, left to right: Dave Britt, Service Director; Flight Attendants Diane Champagne and Claude St-Jean.

Back row, left to right: Flight Attendants Diane Pominville Jerome Bélanger; Neil and Dunn, Second Officer; Suzanne Proulx, Flight Attendant; Jim Lamb; Michelle Brunelle, Flight Attendant; Glenn Adams, First Officer; Flight Attendants **Sylvia** Hamilton, Anne Cosgrove and Héléne Monday-Lafontaine.





CP Air, Canadi>n People Gallery











From 'Canadian Pacific Airlines' newsletter.

Issue dated May 1964.

Hundreds of people thronged Windsor airport April 28, 1964, when two DC-8's (one to, the other from Mexico) inaugurated the first jet service for the Ontario city.

For the record, crews were: On Flight 581: Captain **Jim Black**, First Officer **Neil Carey**, Second Officer **Jack Forgie**, Purser **Fred Sittman**, Steward **Peter Meijer** and stewardesses **Monique Cote**, **Lise St. Gelais** and **Estelle Prejet**.

On Flight 582: Captain Harvey Johnson, First Officer Doug Ireland, Second Officer Tom Gale, Purser Wim Vanstiphout and stewardesses Nina Youngman, Christa Ehlert and Roslyn Pugsley.

Editors' Note: Photo not available.



International Trade Fair.

Comparing notes at Vancouver airport were CPA stewardesses Marielle Dauphin, left, and Chantal Geismann, both of Montreal, with Sydney-based Ansett-ANA air hostess Shirley Boles who was in Vancouver helping staff Australian pavilion at the British Columbia

Issue dated **August 1964**.



Busy lines were these training telephones at Vancouver training department when this Orient and Latin America group spent a week on a customer service course. This was the second of three groups who received training.

Front row, from left: **Becha Jiminez**, Lima

CTO; **Monica Sievers**, Santiago CTO; **Mrs. Winnie Yue**, Hong Kong CTO.

Back row: Yoichiro Kuhara, Tokyo CTO; Francisco Vargas, Mexico CTO; Alfredo Vega, Mexico sales rep.; Salvador Ramos, Mexico CTO-traffic; Melquiades Velasco, Mexico airport.



Bright red jackets of CPA women and blue blazers of men stood out at a gathering of the Los Angeles Interline Club.

Representing the company at an event jointly sponsored by CPA and Varig (with South American tickets as prize), were, from left: DSM **Grant Williams**, **Rosemary Zezza**, **Lilian Payne**, **Doris Tivald** and **Paul McWaters**.

Issue dated **November 1963**.

Winnipeg terminal opens.



Station manager **George Heinmiller** and his staff of 10 traffic and maintenance people made an overnight move and were ready for business first thing November 12, 1963 when Winnipeg's new \$18 million dollar terminal opened.

Highlight of the building is the vast, airy waiting room on the mezzanine floor above the airline counters, baggage carousels, etc. It has contemporary

furnishings and 35,000 feet of illuminated ceiling containing 8,000 fluorescent tubes.

There are roomettes for transient passengers, cocktail lounge, dining room and coffee shop, a nursery, VIP suite and interview room.

One of the first flights. into the new Winnipeg terminal was, appropriately, CPA's Flight #1 by DC-8 'Empress of Winnipeg'.

Captain **Jim Forbes** was welcomed by Airport Manager **J. E. Smyth**.

Editor's Note from Ken Pickford: The 1963 terminal mentioned in the above item, expanded in 1984, was closed and later demolished following opening of the current Winnipeg terminal in October 2011.

Recognition of 15 years with CPA was given six employees at the second annual service award dinner and dance at Vancouver on November 8, 1963.

From left to right: **Gerry Robertson**, maintenance mechanic; Britannia Captain **Jack Wells**, Executive Vice-President

J. C. Gilmer, who made the presentations, Miss Elsie Muren, maintenance department; Tom Kelly, upholstery



shop; **Norval Norton**, legal department and DC-8 second officer **Alf Bicknell**.

Some 500 people attended the event.

Undated issue from 1965.



Receiving 10-year service pins were **H. Yoshida**, chief accountant, Tokyo and **Miss June Sato**, passenger agent, Tokyo.

Making presentations were Japan sales manager **Bob Connor**, left, and Far East regional manager **Ed Ogden**, right.





Featured Video(s)

The Great British Airliners

This interesting 41 minute documentary is about the story of British aviation. It follows the clip of the Bristol Brabazon and Vickers Viscount.

It is taken from the BBC documentary 'When Britain Ruled the Skies'.







Odds and Ends



Name this airline – answer in '**Terry's Trivia**' below.

Toronto-based **Porter Airlines** has placed a firm order for 30 Embraer E195-E2 passenger jets with options for an additional 50 aircraft.

Porter, the North American launch customer for the E195-E2, is expected to begin taking deliveries in the second half of 2022. The deal is worth an estimated \$5.82 billion.

"With this order for up to 80 of our largest aircraft, the E2 is making a stunning North American debut," said Embraer Commercial Aviation CEO **Arjan Meijer**. "As the quietest and most fuel-efficient aircraft in the segment, the E195-E2 also delivers excellent economic performance that shines through."

Source:

avweb.com/aviation-news/embraer-secures-80-aircraft-deal



COVID-19 during 2020/1 was not a good period for airlines.

Here is information on some of those failures -

Air Italy was forced to suspend operations after its Italian co-owners pulled the plug on further funding and Taiwan's Far Eastern Air Transport - which had abruptly ceased operations in

December 2020 only to rescind the closure notice within days - had its operating licence revoked.

The most high profile pre-crisis failure was UK regional carrier Flybe, which lost its long battle for survival in early March 2020. Another tipping point for Flybe appeared to be the UK government resisting appeals to directly bail out the carrier.

The plug was pulled on the likes of AirAsia Japan, Cathay Dragon, NokScoot, LATAM Airlines Argentina, Level Europe, SunExpress Germany and Tigerair Australia during 2020, as their shareholder airlines focused on dealing with challenges to the core business.

In the USA, the pain was predominantly felt by regional operators – mostly the impact of consolidation in feeder flights for the majors. Trans States Holdings operators Compass Air and Trans States Airlines were the first to go in April, followed at the end of September 2020 by ExpressJet Airlines after United Airlines consolidated Embraer ERJ-145 feeder flights around CommutAir.

The year closed with Montenegro Airlines ceasing all operations from 26 December, attributing the decision to the refusal of the country's government to continue supporting the carrier.

Start-up moves.

In December 2020 Canadian airline OWG carried out its inaugural scheduled revenue flight, from Toronto's Pearson International airport to Santa Clara Abel Santamaria airport in Cuba. The airline is a project of Canadian passenger and freight charter carrier Nolinor Aviation. China Eastern

Airlines subsidiary OTT Airlines carried out its maiden flight on 28 December, 2020.

A new South African start-up Lift Airlines also carried out its first flight in December 2020.

One of the first new operations to launch in 2020 after the pandemic struck was the Abu Dhabi joint venture carrier between Air Arabia and Etihad Airways. The carrier, Air Arabia Abu Dhabi, started operations in July 2020 on routes to Egypt.

European low-cost carrier Wizz Air had hoped to launch flights during 2020 with its own Abu Dhabi operation, a joint venture with Abu Dhabi state holding company ADQ. However, the launch was pushed back. The carrier operated its first flight on January 15, 2021.

South Korean start-up Aero K - which has been in the works for several years - took a step towards getting airborne when it was granted its operating licence in late December 2020.

Also in December, 2020, Brazilian start-up Voe Nella disclosed plans to launch passenger and cargo flights by the end of the first quarter 2021 with ATR and Boeing aircraft.

Plans for a new Ukraine carrier called Bees Airline emerged in November 2020, when Swiss Aviation Software disclosed its AMOS package's selection by the start-up to manage maintenance processes.

Hong Kong start-up, Greater Bay Airlines, moved closer to launch with the South China Morning Post reporting in late December 2020, that the carrier has recruited Cathay Dragon's departing chief Algernon Yau to head the airline.

In December 'Flyr' was revealed as the brand name for the new Norwegian airline which aims to commence services in the first half of 2021.

Original source: <u>flightglobal.com</u>





Wayne's Wings

Pratt & Whitney Boeing 747SP

I first wrote about my fascination with the Boeing 747SP (Special Performance) in my article on 'SOFIA' for NetLetter #1430.



Albertson

While looking to see how many of this type are still in service, I was surprised to see that two of them are actually registered in Canada with Pratt & Whitney Canada of Longueil, Quebec. Both aircraft serve as test beds for new engines.

C-FPAW (pictured in this edition's header) delivered to the Civil Aviation Administration of China in September 1980 (US registration N1304E) and later

began its career in passenger service with Air China (registration B-2452) in July 1988 (pictured below).

It has been with Pratt & Whitney since June 2009.

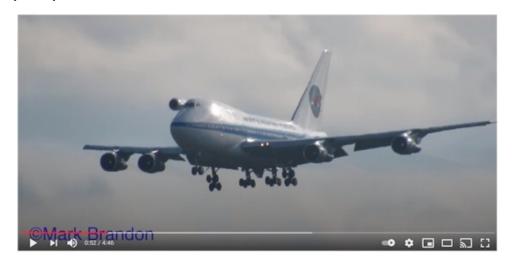


Photo by Aero Icarus @ commons.wikimedia.org

C-GTFF was first delivered to Korean Airlines in March 1981 under registration HL7457. It was returned to the Boeing Aircraft Holding Company in October 1998.

It has been with Pratt & Whitney since December 2010.

Click the image below to view the YouTube video, by videographer Mark Brandon, of C-GTFF landing in Mirabel (YMX).



Additional information:

en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Boeing 747SP

B-747SP website - www.747sp.com

Pratt & Whitney flleet -

<u>www.planespotters.net/airline/Pratt-Whitney-Engine-</u> Services





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'.



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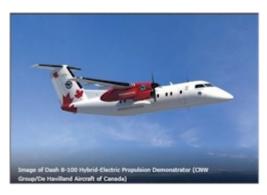
Besides flying our guests to many idyllic holiday destinations in Turkey, we reconnect them with their families and loved ones with our direct flights from Europe to many Anatolian cities.

Source: <u>sunexpress.com</u>



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Pratt & Whitney Canada Developing Hybrid Electric Power.



Pratt & Whitney Canada with will partner Havilland Canada to develop a hybrid-electric propulsion system for regional airliners. The government of Canada has invested about \$130 million USD in the project, which will involve De Havilland

modifying a legacy Dash-8-100 turboprop regional airliner for the hybrid system.

A turbine engine will be mounted in the fuselage to generate power for electric motors on modified nacelles on the wings. P&WC says the system should use about 30 percent less fuel with a corresponding drop in carbon emissions. The aircraft will be ready for ground testing in the next year and should fly in 2024.

Source:

www.avweb.com/aviation-news





Smileys

Our cartoon is by **F.G. Freeland** and appeared in the '**Between Ourselves**' magazine issued January 1956, with the caption: "You heard what he said - one full fare and two halves."



"YOU HEARD WHAT HE SAID - ONE FULL FARE AND TWO HALVES."



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.**