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Aviation Memorabilia Newsletter

Since 1995



**TCA DC-3 (from 1950's video by Henry Tenby)
(see below)**

Welcome to the NetLetter, an Aviation based newsletter for Air Canada, TCA, CPAir, Canadian Airlines and all other Canadian based airlines that once graced the Canadian skies.

The NetLetter was created in 1995 by [Vesta Stevenson](#) (RIP) and [Terry Baker](#) and 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. Our website is located at www.thenetletter.net



ACFN/NetLetter News

In the last NetLetter ([issue#1354](#)) I mentioned the new website for Canadian Aviation Industry Obits at obits.acfamilynet.ca For those of you who attempted to upload any obituaries there was a problem which has now been remedied. We will be adding more features to the Obituaries website in the near future to cover **Death notices** (only), **Full obituaries** and **In Memoriam** postings.

Please note that the website was designed for the airline employee only, and is not meant to list family members (ie: spouse, children, etc.). We also ask that those submitting notices are either a family member of the deceased or have permission of the deceased's families before posting as the website was created for long time archival purposes and will remain online as long as possible.

Regards,

Alan





Coming Events

Planning to be in Vancouver in April 2017?

The next **Annual Pionairs Conference/Annual General Meeting** (APC/AGM) will be held in Richmond, B.C. on **April 30th, 2017**, at the **River Rock Casino**.

Complete details to come in a later announcement.





Women in Aviation



[Women in Aviation International](#) has disbursed more than \$10 million in scholarships to help more than 1,300 women advance in aviation careers.



Air Canada News



AJW TECHNIQUE, Montreal renewed their Air Canada contract to provide slide and inflatable maintenance for another five years. (source SpeedNews Oct 28/16)



Star Alliance News



Lufthansa phased out its last Boeing 737 with a final scheduled flight from **Nuremberg** to **Frankfurt**, October 29, 2016

The Boeing twin-engine narrow body has been in service for nearly 50 years. A special

Frankfurt-Hamburg farewell flight took place on October 31, 2016.



Reader Photos

Submitted



Kelly has sent us these photos of the [R100 airship](#) which visited **St. Hubert** airport, Quebec during **August, 1930**. The inside photos of the R-100 are on a page of other photos from my Dad's album including the **Montreal Light Aeroplane Club** and one of him standing in from of one of his airplanes.



Note: R100 was built as part of a British government programme to develop airships to provide passenger and mail transport between Britain and the countries of the British Empire, including India, Australia and Canada.
[Read full Wikipedia article here.](#)



The TCA photo, of **CF-TCY**, was dated 1939 on the back (the others he had were all from Winnipeg) but I don't think that is my Dad in the photo. The photos are from the **Roger L. Smith** collection.



TCA/AC People Gallery



2004 -

July 1st -

- Service started between Vancouver - Regina with ZIP.
- Service started between Calgary - Regina with ZIP
- Service started between Toronto - Caracas using A319 with Air Canada.
- Non-stop service started between Toronto - Bogota using A319 with Air Canada.

June 26th -

Daily flights started between Vancouver - Washington using A319 with Air Canada.

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

2001.



On November 1st, 2001 Air Canada launched "TANGO" their newest low-fare product with A320 aircraft serving eight domestic trans-con

leisure and business markets.

Found in the "**New Horizons**" magazine issue **June 2004.**



With the 2004 election campaign over, the crews who handled the charter flights for the NDP and the Conservatives can look back on the hectic campaign with pride. "We had a fantastic team," said Joanne Gauthier, In-Charge Flight

Attendant for the NDP charter. "They handled last minute schedule changes with ease. Everyone worked hard, but we had a lot of fun too. Everybody felt right at home on the 60-seat Jetz A320."

In our photo we have, from the left: In-charge Flight Attendant **Claude St-Jean**, Mechanic **Guiseppe Chairoto**, **Stephen Harper** and wife, Captains **Albert Blais** and **James Adam** and Flight Attendants **Nathalie Viens**, **Brigitte Lavoie** and **Myriam Forest**. (Used with permission).

Found in the "**Between Ourselves**" magazine issue dated **September 1946.**



DC-3 service between **Cleveland and Toronto** was inaugurated **August 1st, 1946**. District Sales Manager at Cleveland was **Pete Mellon**. Our photo of the official ribbon cutting at Cleveland was overseen by Supervisory Stewardess **Phyllis Harding** (left) and stewardess **Mary O'Neill**.

Two days prior to inauguration, a delegation of Canadian mayors flew to Cleveland to preview the forthcoming service. One day before the inauguration, a party of senior executive officers of the Cleveland Chamber of Commerce flew to Toronto on a similar preview of the service.

Issue dated **October 1946.**

The **Lakehead-Duluth** service was inaugurated **September 16th, 1946** with **Lockheed** ten-passenger 14-08 equipment.

Crew assigned was Captain **Bill Loftus**, First Officer **Harry Tindle** and Stewardess **Mary Ann Charbonneau**. The Station Manager was **Murray Short**. City Traffic Officer was **Harold Smith**.

Adding to the general aviation fever around the Lake head was the sudden arrival of the **North Star**, being flown to California, via Winnipeg, Lethbridge and Vancouver, on its first long distance test.

Issue dated **August 1971.**

An air freight seminar in Miami.



Convened by **Art Bergum**, Sales Manager, Miami, took place at the airport recently. Attendees included local air freight forwarders, interline air cargo representatives and

certain local Company personnel.

Guest speaker was **Mike Scillion**, Regional Cargo Sales & Service Manager, Los Angeles. In the photo, from the left: **Mike Delaney**, AC; **Dave Salzman**, REA Express; **Don Sieman**, AC; **Sonny Howard**, REA Express; Miss **Miki Tallavo**, Intercontinental Forwarders; **Gene Stockett**, AC; **R. Reionda**, Aircraft Services; **R. Patane**, AC; **G. Pasentes**, Aircraft Services; **Dave Glover**, Airlift; **A.Dileo**, Eastern Air Lines and **Barry Blight**, AC.





Alan Rust

Vintage TCA 1950s airline video - National Film Board/Henry Tenby

(Submitted by: Vern Swerdfeger)

Below we have an image that links to a 1950's aviation video featuring **Trans-Canada Air Lines** and many other airlines of the era. The video was created from the **National Film Board of Canada** archives and was conceived, scripted, narrated and edited by **Henry Tenby** (Vancouver).

Henry is very active in airline memorabilia and also holds a Memorabilia event every fall in Richmond, B.C. He has been documenting the commercial airline scene for airline publications worldwide since the mid 1980s. These captured videos from the National Film Board Archives are of very high quality and contain a compilation of various video clips of TCA aircraft along with some other aircraft from the 1950's.

This video has been provided by Henry Tenby from his website at www.henrytenby.com/must-see-classic-1950s-propliner-video-51-minutes. There is a 3 minute introduction to the video by Henry telling us about this video and his other services and then 51 minutes of high quality videos narrated by Henry. Well worth watching! For further information about Henry and his various aviation services see: www.henrytenby.com





CPAir, Canadi>n People Gallery



Calm Air timetable effective 1996.

(from the collection of David Zekria)

From the "**Blue Skies**" magazine issued **April 1979**.



On May 4th, 1958, the first CPA Bristol Britannia turbo-props launched the airline's transcontinental service.

The "Whispering Giants" flew regularly between Montreal, Toronto, Winnipeg and Vancouver. Flight 1 westbound, piloted by Captain **Harvey Johnson**, took 9-1/2 hours while flight II eastbound, piloted by **Captain J. K. Potter**, took 55 minutes less.

The **CP Air Communications Advisory Group** was formed in July 1978 and the first meeting was on July 22nd, at Toronto. The Group met at the Airport Inn, Toronto during March 1979 to review the forthcoming



advertising and employee communications programs. Our photo is of the group.

Back row (Left to right); **Stan Sierpira, Larry Lehna, Jerry Kielmann, Jim Thirsk, Mike**

Gray, Observer; **Tony Craig, Wayne Irving, Peter Partridge**, Guest Speaker; **Lorne Paterson**.

Front row (Left to right); **Val Tearle, Nina Morrison, Georgia MacFadyen, Tom Laurie, George McRobbie, Sherann Broder**, Secretary; **Al Bingham, Frank Healy, Jack Webb**, Golfer Extraordinaire Cum Founder.

Missing from the photo is **Peter Golding**, CP News Editor.

Issue dated **1978**.

Toronto Reservations Airport Party.



When CP Toronto Reservations Office moved to the airport, they did the natural thing and threw a party to get acquainted with the airport staff. A cross section showed up among them, from the left,

Ed McAnany, Manager Maintenance; **Maria Cattapan**, Operations Centre Clerk; **Janet Simmons**, Supervisor Flight Attendants and **Frank Chorley**, Sales Manager Southern Ontario.



Wayne's Wings



Wayne Albertson

Zero Hour! to Airplane!

Did you know that the 1980 classic comedy "**Airplane!**" is actually a remake of a 1957 film called "**Zero Hour!**" based on a story by British/Canadian novelist **Arthur Hailey**?

After serving in the RAF during the war Mr. Hailey moved to Canada where he began his writing career. One of his first stories "Flight into Danger" (AKA Runway Zero Eight) was made into a

teleplay broadcast on the CBC on April 3, 1956 starring Vancouver-born **James Doohan** who later became **Commander Montgomery Scott** in the original **Star Trek** series.

In 1957 Paramount Pictures reworked the screenplay and changed character names turning the story into the feature film "Zero Hour!". I recently caught the original on a classic movie channel and was quite surprised at how the comedy (Airplane!) remained close to the script of the drama (Zero Hour!). Even keeping the exclamation point that was in the original title for dramatic effect.

In the original, **Ted Stryker** is an RCAF veteran dealing with personal issues whose wife leaves him and boards a flight from Winnipeg to Vancouver with their young son. Stryker discovers the plan and rushes to the airport to board the same flight to try to reconcile with her.



As in the remake, both pilots have fish for dinner and are incapacitated with food poisoning. Ted Stryker is the only person on board with flying experience and is pressed into service. In the context of seeing this film today; it is unintentionally funny and it is easy to see how the makers of Airplane! were inspired to rework it into a hilarious spoof.

[Click Here](#) for a YouTube video that compares the two films.



Reader's Feedback

In NetLetter [nr 1350](#), we had an exchange of e-mails regarding the introduction of B737 into Canada. **Mike Stambois** provided some information, and the NetLetter responded, in part, with:

Quote

We checked www.Planespotters.net which shows **CF-CBP** as being the first B737 delivered to CP Air on October 21, 1968. Nordair took delivery of **CF-NAB** on October 28, 1968. **Can anyone confirm which aircraft actually saw service carrying passengers first?** (Note: CF-NAB was merged into the CP Air fleet on January 2, 1987)

Unquote

Walter Howson has sent us this information -

I am happy to add my contribution to this topic which I can do from personal experience and from my Flight Logs which record every commercial flight I have ever taken. These are formatted in Excel Spreadsheets with the data in this order-Aircraft type/Registration/Flight Number and date/Routing/mileage/comments.

On November 21st, 1968 I left YVR (Vancouver) to start my posting to YXY (Whitehorse) as an Agent, This was on-board CF-CPC (702) which left YVR at 18:20. Routing-Vancouver-Prince George-Ft. St. John-Fort Nelson-Watson Lake-Whitehorse.

To the best of my knowledge, earlier in the day CF-CPB (701) has left on CP15 routed Vancouver-Prince George-Ft. St. John-Edmonton, returning as CP16, in reverse. The northbound CP21 and the Southbound CP16 met in Ft. St. John, where passengers from Edmonton and Grande Prairie could connect to the Yukon.

Here are some details drawn from memory and my flight log. The Pilots were **Captain V.McCarville** and the First Officer **Lorne McGibbon**. For some time after introduction, Flight Engineers were part of the crew complement, presumably to supervise fueling and to deal with any en-route snags. That evening the role was filled by **Caspar Golhof**.





Odds and Ends

The carrier which will have been flying under the same name for 100 years in 2019 was **KLM**, however, KLM did not operate between **1939 and 1945**, so the honour of the longest continuously operating airline in the world, if

not the oldest, belongs to **QANTAS**. (source Flight International Oct 18/16)

Although KLM did not operate during the war years, they did, in fact, operate the whole war years from the Dutch Antilles (Curacao) as well as the Lisbon - Bristol service, so it appears the honour returns to KLM.

A recent advert by Qatar Airways, a Middle Eastern airline, announces the hiring of captains, both wide body and narrow body. One reader hopes the airline has a range of uniform sizes.

(source Flight International Nov 1/16)



A UK government committee has selected a third runway at **London Heathrow Airport** as the best option to boost capacity in the UK south east. The October 25 selection is not the end of the

process. The third runway must still be put to a government vote, which is not expected until winter 2017-18. Around 800 homes will be demolished to pave the way for the runway and some local residents have said they will refuse to move.

(source ATW Daily Oct 25/16)

Larry Milberry, publisher, has sent us this message.

The latest list of books available at CANAV Books: Canada's Aviation Heritage Book Publisher. Have a look and let CANAV know if you see anything you'd like for your Fall/Winter 2016 reading. Wonderful titles and the prices are right. Also, check the "Free Books" notice. Many books available for sale, check their web site at canavbooks.wordpress.com/publications



Terry's Trivia and Travel Tips





**Terry
Baker**

Starting October 31, 2016 passengers at **Calgary International Airport** will travel through a new terminal building when flying to or from the United States or an international destination.

The International Terminal adds **25 passenger boarding bridges** to the airport and can be easily accessed from the main airport building. It provides an enhanced departure experience with a central waiting area that has more than 50 shopping and dining options.
(Source: enroute.aircanada.com)

Thanks to the latest improvement to our **Go AC Confirmed** program (Go AC and Go AC Family), your friends and family can benefit from your Go AC codes to book confirmed travel further into the future. Under the old system, Go AC codes issued in 2016 could only be used to book travel until June, 2017. That meant that if you provided someone with a code in December of this year, they wouldn't be able to use it for travel planned in July or later. Instead, you had to wait for your 2017 allotment.

NOW, your friends or family can use codes from your 2016 allotment to book travel all the way until December 31, 2017. And when you get your 2017 codes, October 26, 2016 they'll be able to use them to book travel right up until December 31, 2018 as long as the fares appear in the reservation system! (Source: AC The Daily - Oct. 2016)

KVI Travel has these interline deals -

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Azamara Journey (5*+) - 13 nights

Hong Kong | At Sea | Halong Bay 2 days | Da Nang | At Sea |

Ho Chi Minh City | At Sea | Klong Toey 3 days | Ko Samui | At Sea | Singapore

Dec 10 - Inside \$1820, Outside \$2210, Balcony \$2730

Jan 6 (reverse) - Inside \$2479, Outside \$2849, Balcony \$3749

Azamara Journey (5*+) - 14 nights

Singapore | At Sea | Krakatoa | Semarang 2 days | At Sea |

Lombok, Indonesia | Komodo | Benoa 2 days | Celukan Bawang |

At Sea 2 days | Singapore 2 days

Dec 23 - Outside \$2380, Balcony \$2940

Celebrity Solstice (5*) - 14 nights

Auckland | Tauranga 2 days | At Sea | Wellington | Akaroa
| Dunedin |
Dusky Sound | Doubtful Sound | Milford Sound | At Sea 2
days |
Hobart | At Sea | Melbourne | At Sea | Sydney
Dec 9 - Balcony \$3359

Azamara Quest (5*+) - 8 nights

Miami | At Sea 2 days | Charlotte Amalie 2 days | St. John
|
Virgin Gorda | Charlestown | Gustavia | San Juan
Dec 19 - Inside \$1120, Outside \$1360, Balcony \$1680

Celebrity Solstice (5*) - 12 nights Sydney | At Sea 2 days |

Isle of Pines, New Caledonia | Noumea, New Caledonia |
Mystery Island, Vanuatu | At Sea | Suva, Fiji | Lautoka, Fiji
|
At Sea 3 days | Sydney
Dec 23 - Inside \$2336, Balcony \$2623

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Smileys



Looked into the CPA "Blue Skies" magazine issued April 1979, and found this cartoon.





Terry Baker | Alan Rust | Wayne Albertson
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(you can read our bios at www.thenetletter.net/history)