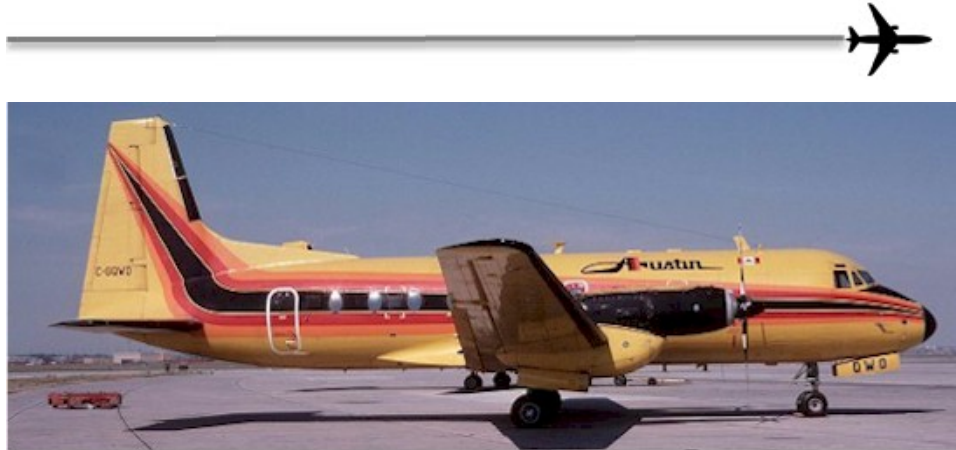




Aviation Memorabilia Newsletter

Since 1995



**Austin Airways Hawker Siddeley HS 748 at YYZ 1985
(Photo courtesy of Caz Caswell)**

Dear Reader,

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



Coming Events



The World Airline Road Race (WARR) 2017 will take place in Singapore October 7, 2017 with a second race on October 8 for the 70th anniversary of Singapore Airlines.

Details

www.worldairlineroadrace.org

Air Canada "**Jet Setter's**" members' results for WARR 2016 held at Chicago.



Individual awards - 5K

Gender	Age Group	Placing	Participant
Men	60 - 64	1st	Clifford Russell
Women	65 - 69	2nd	Barbara Legun
Women	69 & Over	1st	Joan Stibbard
Women	69 & Over	3rd	Norma Garroway

Individual awards - 10K

Gender	Age Group	Placing	Participant
Men	60 - 64	1st	Clifford Russell
Women	50 - 54	2nd	Debra Umpleby
Women	65 - 69	2nd	Barbara Legun
Women	69 & Over	1st	Joan Stibbard

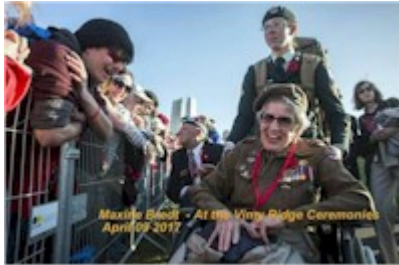


Here we have this photo of the whole "**Jet Setter's**" gang.



Women in Aviation

John Rodger sent us this information and photos.



I just received this info from the Hudson Legion that one of our senior Pionair members and former TCA F/A was at the Vimy Ridge ceremony. None other than 97 year old **Maxine Bredt**. She attends almost all events at the Hudson Legion

and was given a special award by the Federal Government (photo) a few years ago.



She was a nurse during the Second World War and served in the Italian Campaign. She met her husband, late **Captain Bill Bredt**, while she was a TCA F/A back in the late forties.



Air Canada News

Sky Regional Airlines agreed to lease ex-Aeromexico Connect ERJ175 (147) from GECAS for operation for AIR CANADA.

(source SpeedNews Feb 10/17)

Air Canada has enlisted Lufthansa Technik to provide 10-year component support services for Air Canada's future Boeing 737 MAX fleet while extending an existing agreement for CFM56 engine support by a further eight years. Air Canada has orders for 61 737 MAX, with options

for another 18 aircraft and purchase rights for a further 30 of the aircraft.

(Source [MRO Network Daily Apr 27/17](#))



Reader Photos

Submitted



George Brien sends us this information - Dorval 1952 revisited



These are some of my memories of 65 years ago and early airline history. My first view of YUL would be like the picture of the domestic terminal taken around 1950.

My twin brother and I had flown up from YSJ for our first job in Aviation Radio, working for Transport Canada at the busiest airport in Canada at that time.

The radio room was on the 2nd floor of the building, with 4 operators on duty per shift. Most employees used public transit, which was provided free for airport personnel. Just east of this building were 6 wartime hangars. One served as the International Terminal for the Trans-Atlantic carriers (ie TCA/BOAC/KLM) and also the location of the "Dorval Inn". I actually stayed there one night in 1956.

ARCAN/NORTEL providing communications in phone and Morse code for Atlantic flights were also located in one of the hangars (where I worked in March 1953).

The late **Don McVicar** was writing a history of YUL but passed away before the last chapter was completed. To my knowledge the book was never published. From the picture you can note that only a few cars could be seen parked along the road.

Airlines flying out of this terminal included TCA, CPA, Northeast Airlines and Colonial. The picture from an old postcard shows the interior waiting room of the lobby.



Airside was to the left through one door only. Across the lobby, you can just make out the TCA check-in counter with 2 agents. TCA operations, radio etc. were right behind this area CPA, NEA, and

Colonial had even smaller check-in booths on the other side of the lobby. The terminal did have a small restaurant called the "Tea Room", run by "Railway News" (now CARA)

This from a blog posted regarding June 20th, 1961 "via [Larry Milberry/CANAV Books](#)".



My first visit to The Lakehead was on September 3, 1961. This was a stopover on my TCA flight to Winnipeg. For this I had saved my pennies for a year — the 1-way fare set me

back \$50, a fair fortune for a high school kid. I took the morning flight (TCA flight 59 Viscount CF-TGR 07:55 to 10:00) first to Fort William, where I got off to spend a few hours before boarding the evening leg (TCA flight 53 Viscount CF-THX 21:45 to 23:25) to Winnipeg.

This was a very big deal for a 17 year-old high school kid chasing his hobby across the country. I don't recall where I took this photo of 'TGR with my Minolta Autocord '21/4' twin lens camera - this is not at Fort William. Maybe Ottawa? Sold in 1964. TGR ended service in France, it was scrapped at Paris-Orly 10 years later.



TCA/AC People Gallery



 **airOntario**

 **airNova**

 **NWT air**



Vancouver and Winnipeg were linked on March 8th, 1938 by a two-way air mail service, the first two-way flight between the two cities since Trans-Canada Air Lines started test flights with air mail on March 1st.

(source The Montreal Gazette Mar 9th, 1938).

Former Air Canada CEO **Robert Milton** is currently the non-executive chairman of United's board.

(Source AT W Apr 21/17, [Financial Post](#))

Inauguration of services during 1946.

July 1st - Toronto to Chicago.

August 1st - Toronto to Cleveland.

September 16th - Lakehead to Duluth.

November 1st - Victoria to Seattle.

(Source "1946 A report on the company".)

October 1, 1981 new return fares to London or Glasgow.

From Gander or Halifax \$429.

Montreal/Toronto or Montreal \$539.

Calgary \$559, Vancouver \$599.

Lee-Anna Sigmund has sent us this information -

Don Renshaw Sr was a Reservations supervisor at Air Canada during his working career.

Don, at age 91, is the oldest person playing in organized ice hockey in Western Canada. "I want to play until I am the oldest player in Canada" says Don.

Presently the oldest in North America is a 95 year old Mark Stenitch from Michigan. Don plays for the Eagle Ridge Predators in the 70+ division of the Victoria Playmakers and was recently made the first member as a Hockey Knight Exemplaritas in the Playmakers' 90 and over club.



Ninety-one-year-old Don Renshaw and his Eagle Ridge Predators lost their opener on Tuesday at Pearkes Arena. SHARON STONE, TIMES COLONIST





Don has been participating in hockey for over 80 years and currently plays on a weekly basis with the UBC Old Birds for 30 years, and plays against the UBC Women's squad on a regular basis.

Don is pictured here with Rebecca Umrah who was the Captain of the UBC Women's Thunderbirds Hockey Team.

The 28th annual Victoria Playmakers Oldtimers Tournament was held in the Pearkes Arena recently which hosted some 40 teams from all over B.C. Alberta and one from Japan. The tourney featured players from 55 to Don.

(Source [Times-Colonist](#))

During the strike by 1,200 AFL pilots against American Airlines in July 31st, 1954, Trans-Canada Air Lines added six extra sections to Toronto, from U.S. stations, to accommodate passengers who otherwise would have gone on American Airlines.

(source Lawrence Journal-World July 31st, 1954).

TCA Man Is 'Stewardess' (Special to The Gazette.)
Moncton. N.B. March 2, 1941

Yet another occasion has arisen when a mere male has stepped into the breach and subbed for a stewardess on a Trans-Canada Air Lines plane. On Friday night on the regular scheduled flight from Moncton to Montreal, Ottawa and Toronto. The regular stewardess was taken suddenly ill here and passenger agent Ted Talbot acted as steward for the flight. Stewards are used on intercontinental airlines such as British Overseas and Pan American Airways and on one or two domestic United States airlines.

(source The Montreal Gazette Mar 3, 1941).



From "Between Ourselves" magazine issue dated **January 1945.**

T.C.A.R.A Executive for YYZ for 1945.



Sitting from the left: **Betty Rickart, Earl Johnson,** President; **Art Stapells** and **Ted Moore.**

Standing: **Art Beck, Neil Hepburn, Dave Clarke, Clare Moorhouse, Jack Scott** and

Jim Burritt.

Issue June 1946.

T.C.A.R.A Winnipeg Executive 1946-47.

C.B. Hodgson, President; **W. Cook,** V.P.; **Miss P.L. Allen,** Secretary; **J.G. Stephens,** Treasurer; **W.F. English,** Honorary President; **F.E. Pink,** Honorary V.P.; **P.W. Baldwin,** Honorary. V.P.; **C.M. Adams,**- Honorary V.P.

(Unfortunately, no photo available - eds)

Issue dated May 1964.

For potential producers of products which were not presently manufactured in Manitoba, the Manitoba Government sponsored a Manitoba Manufacturers Show in Winnipeg. The company featured one of the major displays at the exhibition with napkins, baggage tags, an aircraft seat and many other airline items which could possibly be manufactured in Manitoba.



Representing the company from the left in our photo are: **H.C. Cotterel,** V.P. Purchases & Stores; **Les McDowell,** Supply Manager, P & S Winnipeg; **K E. Olson,** Director of P & S.

Also attending were **T.L. McLaughlin,** General Purchasing Agent and **Ralph Moore,** Purchasing Agent.

Dans les écoles Français

More than 3,000 French students in the Montreal area heard the Company school panel presentation entitled "Your future in the space age". The program was also held in six other secondary schools in Trois-Rivières area.



Photographed at the Honore-Mercier school from the left are: **Guy Langevin**, Data Processing Centre; **Jocelyne Rene**, Stewardess; **John Le Pottier**, Public Relations Representative; **Brother**

Roger Laframboise, Director of the school; First Officer **Pierre Charbonneau**, Pilot; **Gratien Veillette**, Maintenance; and Stewardess **Ghyslaine Turgeon**.



Alan's Space



Alan Rust

RC Spruce Goose in flight

(Submitted by: Brian Walsh)

RC Spruce Goose 1/20 by Juraj Jurovic from Slovakia.

Specification:

Scale: 1:20

Wingspan: 4,9m

Weight: 32kg

Power: 8x brushless motor

This video shows one of the flights of the RC Spruce Goose. Quite a feat to build this, most impressive. For photos of the building process [please follow this link](#). To watch the video, just click on the image below.

Note: the original Spruce Goose is on display at the Evergreen Aviation and Space Museum in McMinnville, Oregon, USA. (If you ever get a chance to visit, it's well worth it - Alan)



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CPAir, Canadi>n People Gallery



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Executive Offices
Airways Building, Winnipeg Telephone

Charlottetown, Upper Airport	Charlottetown 1405
Edmonton, Chalmers Building	Edmonton 4214
St. John's, Lusk Street	St. John's 99
Winnipeg	Winnipeg 129
Las de Bonnet	Las de Bonnet 83
Winnipeg, Airways Building	Winnipeg 104-55
Prince Albert	Prince Albert 400
Edmonton, Morgan & McEwen Building	Edmonton 71 679
Vancouver, Georgia Hotel	Vancouver 5425
Seattle, 401 Union Street	Seattle 4043
Vancouver, 247 Bay Street	Vancouver 208

CANADIAN AIRWAYS
Bases throughout Canada

Timetable for Canadian Airways effective May 1937.

(From the collection of Bjorn Larsson.)

Sent in by **Betty Draper.**

Buffalo Flight.



Buffalo Days flight to YUL Expo 67 July 7th 1967.
Regina.

On July 7th, 1967, six crew members of Pacific Western Airlines, who were operating over 40 flights from Western Canada to Expo 67 that summer, were presented with Buffalo Days hats before taking 94 passengers, mostly Saskatchewan Government Telephones employees, from Regina to Montreal.

Pemmican Pearl (front far left) and **Ted Ovision** (front far right) of the Vagabond Motor Inn presented the hats.

The crew is (left top) **Dick Skermer**, Second Officer; **Hal Lowe**, First Officer; **Ken William**, Captain; Stewardesses are (top right) **Gale Bisseau**, **Betty Wager** and **Francis Corbett**.

Found in the Leader-Post issue **September 2, 1943.**



Record made: Arrival of this crew at the Regina airport Tuesday night marked the completion of 100 percent efficiency record for the pilots and planes of the Saskatchewan division of CPA.

In the picture, from left to right, are: Captain **P.D. Iverson**, First Officer **H.E. Thorn**, **W.T. Bunn**, Flying Superintendent and **H.T. Bancroft**, Supervisor of Maintenance.

(We apologize for the poor quality of the photo - eds)

Found in the "**Info Cargo**" magazine issue dated **March 1992.**

During meetings in the Orient, Canadian Air Cargo



employees took time out to host a thank-you awards dinner for cargo agents in Bangkok.

From left: **Vorani**
Anakevleng, BKK; **Tim Walker**, BKK; **John Gibson**, YVR; **A.I. Rldgway**, YVR; **Natalle Linton**, YYC; **Frank Esposito**, YYZ; and **Matt Summers**, YVR.

From the "**PWA Flightlines**" magazine issue dated **February 1987**.



Pictured are some of the winners who received awards for their ideas under the "Ideas in action" during luncheon held at the Delta Bow Valley Hotel, Calgary January 6th.

From the left: **Dennis Tillotson**, YYC Facilities; **Len Jalbert**, YYC Maintenance; **Wilma Poirier**, YVR Accounting; **Stan Szyszka**, YYC Maintenance; **Wayne Rothermel**, YKA Customer Services; and **Jim Phelan** YXD Customer Services.



Wayne's Wings



Wayne Albertson

Austin Airways – Canada's oldest airline

Gordon Lightfoot's classic song "Canadian Railroad Trilogy" came to mind while researching the history of Austin Airways. As we all know, the song chronicles the heroic efforts of so many in building rail service that linked the young country from coast to coast.

The Canadian airline industry also has its share of unassuming heroes who created important links within our communities.

Two brothers, Jack and Chuck Austin, from Northern Ontario established Austin Airways in 1934 (predating TCA by three years) and began servicing remote northern communities from Sudbury to Hudson Bay.

Although primarily started as a passenger and freight airline, it had to be flexible to earn business and provided air ambulance and forest fire fighting services in the early years. They quickly became a critical supply line to the north which was pivotal to the growth of the mining industry.

Austin Airways provided distinguished service to Canada's north for fifty-three years until it merged with Air Ontario which was later merged into Air Canada Jazz in 2001.

Hopefully, a few former employees of this pioneer airline are reading this. We'd like to say, "Thank you".

Pictured: de Havilland DHC-6 Twin Otter ([C-GFJC](#)) just before being acquired by Pakistan International Airlines in 1985. (Courtesy [Caz Caswell](#))



Sources:

[Bushplanes.com](#)

[Wikipedia.org](#)



Reader's Feedback

Neil Burton has sent us the information -

Looking back nearly 50 years ago.



Here is an image of an original newspaper article from the Kamloops News Advertiser - December 13, 1967, when Pacific Western Airlines was in conference with the Kamloops Chamber of Commerce for a proposed service between Vancouver, Kamloops and

Calgary.

Pacific Western Airlines inaugurated the "Stampeder" service - December 17, 1968 with its first Boeing 737 aircraft. The newspaper article was given me by Harry Mayson, at the age of 92 years, in 2006.

He spent time in PWA aircraft, in his service with the B.C. Forest Service, in Barriere and Chase, B.C. He was a member of the Barriere Flying Club, in the late 1940s when an airstrip was built in that community. He never obtained a pilot's license.

Neil Burton.



Odds and Ends



Breitling's DC-3, which first flew in 1940, is now engaged in a round-the-world tour, with a summertime trip across the U.S. in the flight plan. The airplane, which once flew for American Airlines and the U.S. Army, was bought by Breitling in 2008 and fully restored. At 77 years old, it's the oldest airplane ever to undertake a round-the-world tour, according to Breitling.

The airplane launched from Geneva last month, and is now flying across Asia. It will arrive in Anchorage in June, and spend the summer in the U.S., making multiple stops, including Phoenix, Oshkosh and New York. It then will depart from Boston in August to return to Europe by way of Greenland and Iceland.

The oldest surviving DC-3 is N133D, the sixth Douglas Sleeper Transport, built in 1936 for American Airlines, according to Wikipedia. The aircraft is undergoing restoration in Punta Gorda, Florida. The owners plan to restore it to Douglas Sleeper Transport standards and full airworthiness.

The oldest DC-3 still flying is the original American Airlines Flagship Detroit, first delivered in March 1937. That airplane is owned and operated by the nonprofit Flagship Detroit Foundation, which flies it to airshows around the country.

(Source AVWebflash Apr 10/17)



Eighty-two hot-air balloonists launched from England on Friday morning, April 7, 2017, and flew 26 miles across the English Channel to land in France, in an attempt to set a new Guinness

world record.

The previous record was 49, set in 2011. Steve Mabbutt, one of the organizers of the effort, said, "Everybody is absolutely delighted," according to the UK Telegraph.

(Source AWWWebflash Apr 10/17)



Boom Supersonic has received a new \$33 million round of funding for its work to create supersonic passenger travel.

(Source ATW Daily Mar 31/17)



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.

Eh-pril foo|?

Talking of flag carriers we loved. The "most Canadian airline" April Fool from Calgary based low-coster WestJet on social media - even though, to add to the confusion, the spoof story was released a day early on 31 March.



Just as Canadian as you

The no-frills airline's "announcement" that it was rebranding as Canada Air - a none-too-subtle dig at its flag carrying rival - was accompanied by images of a very convincing mock-up of one of its Boeing 737s in the

new livery and new signage going up at its base. The new image was "revealed" by vice-president of marketing communications Richard Bartrem in a YouTube video.

"Aircraft repainting begins on April 1," tweets from the airline noted, but several appeared to have been taken in. All the publicity presumably did not harm WestJet's fares promotion, happening at the sometime. Air Canada's reaction is not recorded.

(Source Flight International Apr 18/17)



Here we the timetable for Dominion Skyways Limited effective May 16th, 1938.

www.webflyer.com - Mileage calculator to determine zones for ZED travel.



Smileys

Vern Swerdfeger sends us these New United Airlines Mottos:

- Drag and Drop

- We put the hospital in hospitality
- Board as a doctor, leave as a patient
- Our prices can't be beaten, but our passengers can
- We have First Class, Business Class and No Class
- Not enough seating, prepare for a beating
- We treat you like we treat your luggage
- We beat the customer. Not the competition
- And you thought leg room was an issue
- Where voluntary is mandatory
- Flight or Fight. We decide
- Now offering one free carry off
- Beating random customers since 2017
- If our staff needs a seat, we'll drag you out by your feet
- A bloody good airline



This drawing by **Victor Ortiz, MEX** is from the **"Info Cargo"** magazine issue **March 1992**.



This Flt. Ops "Cap'n Bly" cartoon by "Jaques" has the caption "Well you may be brand new, Fenstrap ... but you're already showing great supervisory potential".



Terry Baker | Alan Rust | Wayne Albertson
Ken Pickford (missing from photo)