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TCA Vickers Viscount - CF-TGI

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



ACRA LHR presents and evening of motown music on Friday March 17th, 2017 at the Jaqz restaurant, bar nightclub, Station Hill, Ascot.



Women in Aviation

Vesna Vulovic, flight attendant who survived the highest ever fall (33,000 ft) from a plane and survived has died at age 66.



Vesna was working as a flight attendant on a Yugoslav Airlines DC-9 aircraft when a suspected bomb brought the plane down from 33,000 ft (10,000m) in Czechoslovakia on 26 January

1972. All of the other 27 passengers and crew on board died.

According to investigators, Vesna was trapped by a food cart in the plane's tail when the bomb exploded. She plummeted back to earth in the tail in sub-zero temperatures, where she landed on a steep, snow-covered slope near a village, which is believed to have softened her fall.

She was found by woodsman Bruno Honke, who heard her screaming in the dark as the rest of the plane came crashing to the ground. While



investigators suspect the bomb had been planted in the plane during a stopover in Copenhagen, Denmark, nothing was ever proven and no arrests were ever made.



Air Canada News

February 16, 2017 - Air Canada has inaugurated the first **Montreal-Shanghai** non-stop flights. (Source: [Canadian Aviation News](#))

June 21, 2017 - Rouge is introducing service between **Toronto and Montreal to Reykjavik, Iceland** with A319 equipment. (Source: [Newswire.ca](#))



Reader Submitted Photos

Alan Way has sent us these circa 1931 photographs.

He thought someone would appreciate a copy of these old photos taken by his uncle **Donald M. Way** (old friend of **Herb Seagram**-VP Operations Air Canada) when he was with the **Winnipeg Flying Club** at **Stevenson's Field**.



CF-APY outside **Canadian Airways Hangar** - 1931 - Stevenson's Field, Winnipeg.
(History of CF-APY - Laird LC-B200 c/n196 Canadian AW)



Ltd > K Johannesson /Winnipeg
 > JT Dart /Wilton Grove Ont 14
 March 1931 at the Reynolds
 Museum, Wetaskiwin Regional
 Airport (CEX3), Alberta. - eds)



CF-AQI? and Wings CF-AWX
 Fairchild 71C Unknown Aircraft
 - 1931 - Stevenson's Field -
 Winnipeg. (The aircraft CF-AQI?
 is a Junkers F13 or its cargo
 version the W33. There are
 three Junkers W33 in that
 sequence: CF-AQB, AQV and

AQW. The registration appearing on top of the starboard
 wing appears to be CF-AQV. CF-AQV Junkers W33/34
 c/n2710 Oaks AW >Canadian AW Ltd 12 June 1931

(Destroyed beyond repair after hitting trees low flying in
 poor weather 5m SW Gold Pines Ont 1 Sept 1939 - eds)

(CF-AWX Fairchild 71C c/n33 Wings Ltd >Canadian Pacific
 AL 04.03.35. Floats collapsed on landing after engine
 failure Deschambault Lake Sask 4 July 1943 eds)



Unknown aircraft - Stevenson's
 Field - 1931 - Winnipeg.



CF-AOP aircraft - Stevenson's
 Field - 1931 -
 Winnipeg. (Believed to be CF-
 AOP Fairchild 71 c/n1307
 Canadian AW Ltd 6 Aug 1935 A
 rebuild of CF-AKY Fairchild 71
 Dominion Explorers >Spence-

McDonough AT >Canadian AW Ltd 28 Feb 1930 after it had
 ran into a towline of tug 'Nanoose' on harbour landing

Vancouver BC 6 May 1935 and rebuilt as CF-AOP c/n 1307 with a new fuselage.

(Destroyed beyond repair after hitting a motorboat on takeoff Beausiesne Depot Lake Onachiway, Quebec on 20 May 1941 – eds)



G-CASN outside Western Canada Airways - 1931 - Stevenson's Field, Winnipeg.

(G-CASN Fokker Super Universal c/n821 Western Canada Airways Ltd >Canadian Airways Ltd 17 Dec 1928 Destroyed in a hangar fire

Winnipeg 04 Mar 1931 – eds)



CF-AII unknown aircraft - Stevenson's Field - 1931 - Winnipeg.

(CF-AII is a Fokker F-14 of Western Canada Airways. Registered October 1929 it was destroyed in a hangar fire at Winnipeg in March 1931, so the

photo is between those dates. – eds)

(The supplementary information in brackets has been supplied by Andrew Pentland of Airhistory – eds)



TCA/AC People Gallery



 *airOntario*

 *airNova*

 *NWT air*



Dominion champions **Toronto Argonauts** were the first football team in Canada to take to the air when they flew to Winnipeg for two exhibition games with the **Winnipeg Blue Bombers**. The champions made their Western trip in a four-engine Trans-Canada Air Lines plane. The games were played on August 30th and September 1st, 1947.

From the "**Between Ourselves**" magazine issued **June 1944**

The official opening of the local **T.C.A.R.A. (Trans-Canada Air Lines Recreation Association)** at Halifax was marked with a gala party held at the **Brightwood Golf Club** during June 1944.

(There was no photo available – eds)

Located in the "**Horizons**" magazine issued **February 1981**

During 1980, Captain **I. H. "Whitey" Kelsey** of Toronto completed his 1,000th Atlantic crossing.

His first flight was on a North Star in 1947, and he chalked up number 1,000 on an L1011. The aircraft he flew over the years were varied. He made 272 crossing on **North Stars**, 452 on **DC-8's** and 276 on the **L1011**. In addition "Whitey" also chalked up 25,000 hours of flying with **Trans-Canada Air Lines** and **Air Canada**.

Maple Wings helps children



The **Canadian Maple Wings**, the official name of the TCA Alumni flight attendant group is off to a flying start, in its efforts to help sick children. Barely a year old, the organization raised \$10,000 toward the

purchase of a Cavitron for the Hospital for Sick Children in Toronto.

Shown presenting the cheque are, from the left: Former flight attendants **Jean Wassmansdorf** and **Gretchen Marsh**; **Dr. Bruce Hendrick**, Chief Neurosurgeon of the hospital; **Claus Wirsig**, President of the hospital foundation; former flight attendant **Carol Anderson** and Flight Service Director **Mac Anderson**.

Purchasing & Supply discussing employee motivation and productivity during a workshop.

From the left: **Don Ingham**, Planning and Administration Director, Dorval; **Dan Sweetman**, Manager, Material Distribution, Dorval; **Walter Ekiert**, Technical Purchasing,



Dorval; **Peter Hodge**, Regional Purchasing & Supply Manager - Europe, London; Seated is **John Handley**, Regional Purchasing & Supply Manager - Western, Vancouver.

Found in the "**New Horizons**" magazine issue dated **August 2004**. (Used with permission)

ZIP bids farewell.



The first flight of **ZIP** took off from Winnipeg to Calgary on **September 22, 2002**, on time.

The **Whitehorse to Vancouver** flight **September 7th, 2004** marked the final flight of the B737 fleet at Air Canada.

The 12 aircraft were parked and returned to the lessors by that year's end. Although Air Canada didn't originally fly the B737, the company inherited the aircraft when it merged with **Canadian Airlines** in 2000. Only 737's were used by the low-fare carrier.

Over the years, more than **120 B737's** served **Air Canada** and its predecessor airlines. **PWA** became the first Canadian carrier to order the 737, with an order for 2 aircraft in October 1966, 6 months before the 737 made its first flight on April 9, 1967. Nordair was next with an order for 3 in January 1967, followed by a CP Air order for 6 in February 1967 (and a 7th that August). However, CP Air was the first Canadian carrier to take delivery and put the 737 into service in October 1968, followed a month later by both PWA and Nordair. By the end of December 1968 CP Air had taken delivery of 5 737s and PWA and Nordair had one each.

Some of **ZIP's employees** who bid the carrier farewell.

Back row left to right: **Doug Godard**, Leader, Customer Service; **Karey Spenst**, Director, People Dynamics; **Barb Gwilliam**, Crew Planning; **Twyla Laakso**, Advertising and Promotions Leader; **Peter Sills**, MOC; **Stephen Giles**, Cabin Crew.



Middle row left to right: **Kyla Barnfield**, Inside Sales; **Rosina Frusaci**, People Dynamics Leader; **Heather Howe**, People Dynamics Leader; **Elaine Punchard**, Administrative Assistant, Operations; **Joanne Kuchniewicz**, Crew Payroll;

Jan Wiese, Instructor Developer, Inflight; **Maureen Yakimchuk**, Inflight Service Standards Leader; **Nirmala Jayaraj**, Cabin Crew;

Front row left to right; **Chad Ykema**, Crew Scheduler; **Laureen Davies**, V.P. Business Planning.

Additional Information from previous issues

In [NetLetter nr 1359](#), we had an article regarding the formation of the T.C.A.R.A. (Trans-Canada Air Lines Recreation Association) group in Sydney during 1944.



In the "**Horizons**" magazine issued **September 1979**, there was an article headlined "New ACRA formed in Sydney" which implies that the former T.C.A.R.A. must have become defunct.

The "Horizons" report follows -

Sydney, Nova Scotia, became the 18th station to form an Air Canada Recreation Association (ACRA). Some 49 members signed up for the annual fee if \$12.

The organizations first event was a picnic enjoyed by those of all ages. Upcoming get-togethers include a softball tournament and barbecue followed by an Octoberfest, a children's party and a Christmas banquet and dance.

The board of directors of the newly formed ACRA shown in this photo seated from the left: **Fred Boudreau**, V.P.; **Cy Wagner**, President and **Steve MacGillivray**, first V.P. Standing from the left: **Winston MacDonald**, Secretary; **Rich Rizok**, Program Director; **Frank Jones**, Treasurer and **Naisa Eatten**, Membership Director. Missing is **Neil MacMullin**, Membership Director.



Alan's Space



13 Things Your Flight Attendant Won't Tell You

(From Readers Digest)

Alan Rust I found this article online titled "**13 Things Your Flight Attendant Won't Tell You**" and thought it was interesting. Although most people reading the NetLetter are seasoned travellers and many are retired flight attendants, it won't hurt to read these 13 items in case you see yourself doing things that drive our hard working FA's crazy.

These secrets about air travel will make flying a happier, safer experience for all. Some of them are:

- The lavatory door is not rocket science.
- Just in case you hadn't noticed, there are other people on the airplane besides you.

[For the full article click here](#) or on the image below.



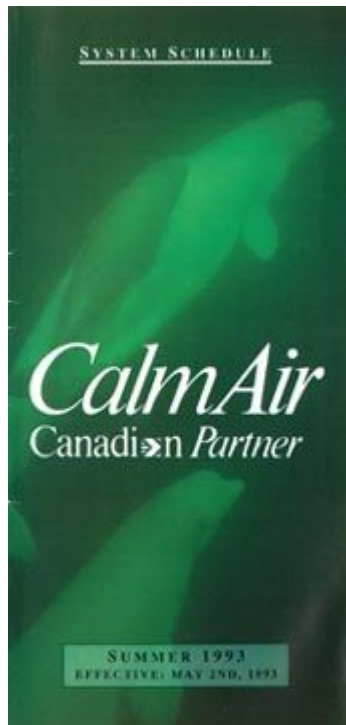
CPAir, Canadi>n People Gallery



CALM Air timetable effective Summer 1993 (pictured at left).

(from the collection of **Bjorn Larsson**)

Norcanair, a Saskatoon based airline partly owned by **Canadian Pacific Air Lines**, started linking Calgary with Regina and Saskatoon on October 26th, 1986 using F-28 jets.



Located in the "**PWA Flightlines**" magazine issue dated **October 1986**



Here we found this photo of the **Yellowknife Flight Service**.

Back row left to right: **Doug Snodgrass, Mark Elson, Mike Sims, Bob Hiscock, Barb Elson, Saul Heywood, Paul Layland, Mike Gelin**as and

Rick Dempster.

Front row left to right: **Doug Krause, Glenn Brake, Junior Hodder** and **Evan Franklin**.

The kitchen can produce up to 1,200 meals per day.

The **1986 "Almost" Annual Car Rally** sponsored by the **Calgary Social Club**, was so much fun, it will be on the 1987 Social Club activities.



The rally wound its way through four neighbouring towns before ending at **Bragg Creek**.

Average time for the 139 kms was two and half hours. Each car was given a questionnaire

to record various events during the trip.

For answering the most questions correctly, the **John Morris, Dick Gardner, Bob Buessecker** team took home the Car Cup Trophy.

Lady luck must have been in the car with **Pat Petersen, Susal Almond** and Pat's two-year old navigator son, who picked up the best poker hand en-route. At each of the five stops the team picked up a playing card to create their hands. Three Jacks won Pat a week-end for two in Banff!!

But most noticeable of all was **Earl and Donna Weisbrod** who won the coveted "Lost in Space" award. Although they didn't even make it to the first check stop they eventually sniffed out the dinner and joined the others for the celebration. After a fun-filled evening of dining and dancing they all began the difficult task of navigating their way home.

In the photo are **John Morris** and **Dick Gardner** of YYC Reservations, teamed up with **Bob Buessecker**, YYC Print-shop to win the Trophy.

(Can anyone tell us if the 1987 car rally took place, and, if not, what happened to the trophy – eds)



PWA Cargo Accounting staff, in the photo at the back left to right: **Linda Mac Rae** (MacRae?), **Kim Paddington, Mary Scott, Valerie Anderson** and **Jan Laing** (Supervisor).

Front row: **Denise Natyna** and

Masako LeClair.

Pacific Western Spirit new livery for **Time Air's** first Dash-7 aircraft (below right) took flight on Saturday September 13th, 1986 and **CALM Air's Hawker Siddeley** (below left) new paint job was completed by **Kelowna Flightcraft** on September 13th, 1986.





Wayne's Wings



**Wayne
Albertson**

Vickers Viscount - Routine Flight

NetLetter reader, **Jack Stephens**, sent us a few pictures of the first **Vickers Viscount** delivered to TCA that we inserted into [NL # 1349](#). The aircraft is now preserved at the [Pima Air Museum in Tucson, Arizona](#) under registration **N22SN**.

Fin # 601 was delivered to TCA under registration CF-TGI in December of 1954. When I began doing research of the Viscount fleet I was pleasantly surprised to find a short film produced by the **National Film Board of Canada** on YouTube. "[Routine Flight](#)" was part of the "[On the Spot](#)" series that aired on the CBC in 1953 and 1954.

In this very informative documentary, narrator, **Liston McIlhagga**, interviews TCA personnel at the **Winnipeg Maintenance Base** shortly after delivery of **CF-TGI** while it is being prepared to enter scheduled service. He is treated to a test flight on the aircraft to end the film.

The introduction of the turboprop powered Vickers Viscount would significantly change the Canadian airline industry and I find it fascinating that it was covered so well in the early days of the Canadian television industry. Thankfully, both the aircraft and the film have been preserved.

Click the image below to enjoy the film.

Related links:

TC-TGI at vickersviscount.net

TC-THG (Fin # 625) preserved at **British Columbia Aviation Museum** on [YouTube](#)






Reader's Feedback



Betty Draper found this advert in the Leader-Post issued April 13th, 1940. Notice on the advert "No seat or meal costs. No tipping".

And this item issued **June 4th, 1974.**

TORONTO (CP) - An Air Canada DC-9 was involved in a collision Monday - with a deer.

The deer was killed when it was struck by a port wing flap as the 96-passenger jet, out of Moncton and Montreal, slowed near the end of a runway after landing at Toronto International Airport.

There was minor damage to the flap but the aircraft returned to service the next day.

(There is no confirmation that the menu for first class was changed for subsequent flights. - eds)



Odds and Ends



A Canadian company is expanding its unmanned test flights with plans to be the country's first commercial drone-delivery operation by next year. **Drone Delivery Canada** of Ontario will soon begin flight trials at the **Foremost Aerodrome** in

Alberta, headquarters of the **Foremost Centre for Unmanned Systems** -- Canada's first government-approved drone test site.

DDC, which has been developing drones at a site in Waterloo, Ontario, now wants to test flights beyond line of sight.

The Foremost Centre's recent approval for flights beyond line of sight opens up its restricted airspace for full-blown drone tests with 700 square nautical miles available and up to an 18,000 feet ceiling over a sparsely populated, open landscape with just two charted towers. Big retailers including **Staples** and **NAPA Auto Parts** have agreements with DDC. (source AVWEB Jan 2017)

(**Note:** this one looks like a shopvac with wings. I just won a drone last week at a [Quarter Century in Aviation Club Meeting](#), when the weather gets better and I learn to fly it, I'll report back in Alan's Space - Alan)

Click on image below for video



A new race to save the last Vulcan.

Fifteen months after her final flight and 57 years after her maiden sortie, the last **Avro Vulcan** faces an uncertain fate. **Vulcan to the Sky Trust**, the charity that restored XH558 and flew her at air shows for eight years, has been forced to tow the bomber from her period hangar home at the Doncaster Sheffield airport and place her in storage. The trust is hoping to raise GBP100k.

(source Flight International February 2017)



Terry's Trivia and Travel Tips



**Terry
Baker**

I dragged this advertisement out of the "**Ottawa Citizen**" newspaper dated **April 12th, 1937**.

"World Flight on One Ticket"

You can fly around the world now on commercial planes - 21,000 miles on a single ticket costing \$2,255.66 - **United Airlines** points out, presenting its route and affiliated lines flying the course.

The first trip was scheduled to start from San Francisco April 27th, 1937 at 3 p.m., reach Hong Kong on May 5th, continue with frequent stops to Frankfurt, leaving there

May 23rd, for arrival at the Lakehurst mooring mast on May 25th.

(As the advert mentions **PanAm, Imperial Airways, American Airlines, KLM Royal Dutch Airlines** and that the trip ends at Lakehurst, the trip appears to a combination of aircraft and dirigibles.- eds)



Some of the deals offered by **Touchdown Holidays U.K.**
Prices from/pppnt.

Hotels

- Evason Hua Hin; Thailand £37 BB
- Ocean View Hotel; Dubai £49 BB
- Occidental at Xcaret Destination; Mexico £63 AI
- Pineapple Beach Club; Antigua £82 AI
- Grand Mirage Resort & Thalasso; Bali, Indonesia
- FREE Room Upgrade, valid for selected dates £88 AI
- Le Meridien Al Aqah Beach Resort; Fujairah, UAE- 2
children under 12yrs share FREE £87 AI
- Anse Chastanet Resort; Saint Lucia - All-Inclusive
available from £190pppnt £130 HB
- The SoCo Hotel; Barbados £135 AI - Constance
Ephelia Resort; Seychelles - Bookable 60 days prior to
arrival £138 HB
- Blue Waters; Antigua Reduced rates £168 AI

Cruises

- FF = Many of our deals are available to staff's friends
and family even if the staff member is not travelling.
Rates include port charges & taxes. 8nt - Europe - 22
Apr'17 Fred Olsen - Balmoral
Departs / Arrives: Dover from £349 FF
- 7nt - Caribbean - 30 Apr'17 Carnival - Carnival
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sailing on 02 Apr'17, 16 Apr'17 & 28 May'17 from
£419
- 7nt - Mediterranean - 07 May'17 RCCL - Freedom of
the Seas - Departs / Arrives: Barcelona - Also sailing
on 14 May'17 from £435 FF

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- 10nt - Mediterranean - 06 Jun'17 Voyages TA - MV Aegean Odyssey - Departs: Nice / Arrives: Cadiz

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Smileys



Here we found this cartoon by **J.F. McDevitt** of Toronto in the "**Between Ourselves**" magazine issue **February 1948**.



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)