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## Aviation Memorabilia Newsletter

Since 1995



**Eastern Air Lines Boeing 737-800 at JFK**

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](http://www.thenetletter.net)



## **Women in Aviation**

## Female Afghan Pilot Seeks Asylum



**Captain Niloofar Rahmani** finished a type course on C-130s with the U.S. Air Force on December 22nd, 2016 and promptly requested to stay in the U.S. She had been training in the U.S. for more than a year.

"I would love to fly for my country—that is what I always wanted to do," Rahmani told The Wall Street Journal in an interview from Little Rock Air Force Base in Arkansas, where she did the Hercules course.

"But I'm scared for my life." She said she'd like to continue flying for the Air Force or become an airline pilot.

(Source AVWeb flash December 25, 2016)



## Air Canada News

**Customers travelling on AC115 on December 21, 2016** received one ticket anywhere Air Canada flies for themselves and another to pay forward! (see [#FlytheFlag](#))

Flight AC115 /21Dec was another routine Boeing 787 Dreamliner flight from Toronto to Vancouver until, part way through the flight, the cabin crew began serving sparkling wine to pleasantly surprised customers.

(Source The Daily December 22/16)



Celebrating the inaugural **Rouge** service between Vancouver and Cancun February 15th, 2016.

**Chorus Aviation**, the parent company of Canadian regional carrier **Jazz Aviation**, will establish an aircraft leasing subsidiary, **Chorus Aviation Capital**.

Halifax-based Chorus has been seeking to diversify its business beyond Jazz's capacity purchase agreement with

Air Canada, which provides the bulk of the company's revenue.

(Source ATWonline Dec 21/16).

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**AEROMÉXICO** leased ex-Air Canada E190 (024) from **Nordic Aviation Capital**.

(Source SpeedNews Dec 23/16)



STAR ALLIANCE

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## Star Alliance News



**United Airlines** will be one of the first carriers to step back from the wave of new international capacity that has been introduced in the **New Zealand** market.

The Chicago-based carrier has decided to suspend its daily San Francisco-Auckland flight between April 18 and Oct. 30, 2017. United launched the route on July 1, 2016.

(source [ATW daily news](#) Jan 6/17)



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## Reader Photos

## Submitted

**Morley Plummer** sent us this information in the hopes that this event can be identified.



**The Regina Public Library** has a picture on file of **Trans-Canada Air Lines** employees at the Regina airport celebrating an occasion, but they have no information about the picture.

(Anyone have information regarding this event? – eds)



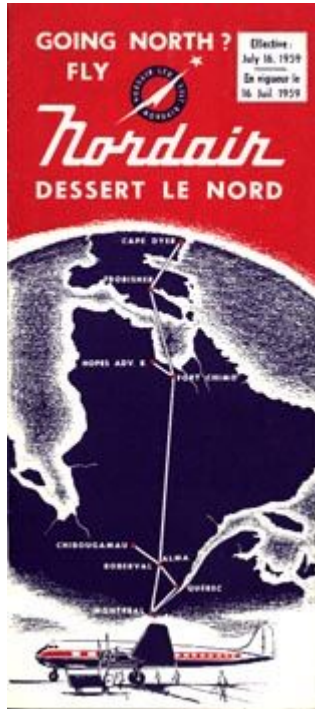
## TCA/AC People Gallery



 **airOntario**

 **airNova**

 **NWT air**



**Nordair** timetable effective July 1959 (left). From the collection of **Bjorn Larsson**.

From our archives

- **1981-January 1st** - DC-9 service between Ottawa and Mirabel suspended, with First Air taking over with HS748 equipment.
- **1987- April 26th** - Re-introduction of Toronto - Vienna service.
- **2004 - August- 1st** - Beginning of non-stop flights from Toronto to Hong Kong using the new A340-500 long-range aircraft.

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**Montie Brewer**, a former President of Air Canada, is one among a group of investors for the Argentinian start up LLC airline **Flybondi**.

(Source Vancouver Sun December 27th, 2016)

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**Archived Issues missing:** We have trolled through all scanned 364 issues of "**Between Ourselves**" and extracted various photos and articles for the NetLetters, with the exception of the following issues which we are missing; **002, 198 – 205, 213, 245, 246, 247 and 331.**

(If anyone has a copy we would be glad to scan them and return them. – eds)

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Found in "**Between Ourselves**" magazine issue **January 1945**.

When **Sydney** decided to form their own **T.C.A.R.A.**, they thought the title of "**Trans-Canada Air Lines Recreation Association**" rather cumbersome and suggested "Wings Club", but they finally fell into line with T.C.A.R.A.

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Found in the "**Horizons**" magazine issue dated **December 1980**.



**ReserVec II** introduced to Tokyo, Hong Kong and Sydney, Australia October 1980

Our photo is of the Hong Kong office staff. Standing from the left are: **Ted Nichol, Anita Leung** and **Franky Leung**. Seated is **Rebecca Fung**.

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**November 1st 1980** was an historic day for the Tokyo staff.



**Marking the 20th anniversary of the opening of the Japanese office,** employees from Tokyo and Osaka joined with representatives of the

company's agent "Nissin Transportation & Warehousing Co. Ltd" at a reception and dinner.

Shown during the celebration are, back row from left: **K. Memoto**, Passenger Sales Manager; **H. Tanaka**, Sales Rep; **S. Ishibashi** of Nissin; **M. Nakagawa**, Sales Rep; **K. Yamaguchi**, Cargo Sales & Service Manager; **T. Tsutsui** of Nissin; **T. Tamada**, Sales Rep; **Al Knapp**, Manager, Japan & Korea; **Y. Kisu**, **S. Osaki**, **T. Shimazaki**, **S. Watanabe** and **M. Tamaki** all of Nissin.

Front row from left: **T. Takeda**, General Clerk; **K. Sato** and **S. Konno** of Nissin; **R. Sonoyama**, Sales Agent; **S. Honma**, Clerk-Stenographer; **M. Nagata**, Secretary and **S. Yoshida**, Sales Agent.

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Here we have this photo of the **Engineering and Maintenance** at Dorval during the sixties.

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Came across this in the "**New Horizons**" magazine issued **July 2004**. (Used with permission)



**Air Canada Cargo** has operated its **first freighter service** in more than 10 years – A B727 that left Halifax recently with 12 pallets of freight on board.

With a capacity of 20 thousand kilos and 12 pallet positions the B727 freighter is a significant addition to the capacity into and out of Halifax. Its main selling feature, aside from the larger pallet profile, is a three-hour connection time to Asia out of Toronto.

(In this photo there were no employee identifications - anyone? - eds.)



**The Conservative Party charter** took to the skies with **Stephen Harper** and his party for a five-week election campaign, zigzagging from coast to coast, during the 14- to 16-hour days **in 2004**.

In our photo, **Joe Chiarotto** (back, far right) with the Conservative Party of Canada charter crew.

Front row, from left: **Fred Gaspar**, Government Relations Manager; and CBC crew. Back row, from left: **Renée Smith-Valade**, Director Corporate Affairs & Government Relations; a CTV reporter; In-Charge Flight Attendant **Claude St-Jean**; First Officer **Glennis Walsh**; Flight Attendants **Brigitte Lavoie**, **Myriam Forest** and **Nathalie Viens**.



## Alan's Space



Alan Rust

### The Incredible Flyboard Air

(Submitted by: Frank Pedder)

**Franky Zapata** rides the 'Flyboard Air' in **Naples, Florida**, doing impressive maneuvers like spins and slalom, including an amazing braking maneuver in front of the crowd. The innovative Flyboard® Air represents 4 years of hard

work, resulting in an Independent Propulsion Unit that can achieve autonomous flight up to 10,000 feet, a top speed of 150km/h (93 mph) and delivers a range of up to 25 km (15 miles). Flyboard Air is still in the prototype phase and will not be available for purchase until later in 2017.

The board has 4 small turbojet engines (used in RC model aircraft) for lift and 2 smaller ones on the side for stabilization. The backpack is full of fuel (not for flotation as you may expect). There is a remote to control the vertical thrust. The control of the craft is through shifting one's balance (along with a computer to aid in stabilization). **Note:** This is NOT a computer simulation or edited video. It is 100% real.



If the above video reminds you of anything, it may be the Hover Board that **Michael Fox** (no, not you Mike, the other Michael Fox) used in [Back to the Future](#). Bonus Video below...



## CPAir, Canadi>n People Gallery



Gleaned from the "**PWA Flightlines**" magazine issue dated **October 1986**.



In this photo we show **Captain Ken Hoyt**, YYC who meets with **Paul Fussell**, Avionics Technician (left) and **Nell Martin**, AME on the Toronto ramp.



From **Yellowknife**, we have this photo of the Wildcat Cafe, built in 1937, was the meeting place for bush pilots. In 1986 it still served the public every summer.

(Anyone know if this cafe still

exists? - eds)

Here we have several photos of the staff at **Yellowknife**.





*Ramp Service Agent Leon Dubois offloading an igloo.*

Leon Dubois



*Customer Service Agent, Eric Ostrowercha always seems to be smiling.*

Eric Ostrowercha



*"Yellowknife is a great place to be — honest," says Customer Service Agent Darryl Nilson, "but it's good to get on a plane once in a while and get away from the cold."*

Darryl Nilson



*Airport Services Supervisor Terry Chang really enjoys Yellowknife. "There's lots of business opportunity up here," she says, "if you have an adventuresome spirit."*

Terry Chang



*Liam Hawkins in Cargo sorting way-bills.*

Liam Hawkins



*Jack Wood, Customer Service Agent, Cargo*

Jack Wood



## Wayne's Wings

### The Return of Eastern Air Lines

The story of the original Eastern Air Lines is one of the most tragic in the airline industry. Founded in 1926 in Miami, Florida it was headed for many years by WW1 flying ace, **Eddie Rickenbacker**. Under his leadership EAL grew



**Wayne  
Albertson**

to be the third largest airline in the United States and a highly-recognized airline brand. It was, at one time, the official airline of Disneyworld and the dominant carrier on the east coast of the U.S.

While under the leadership of former astronaut **Frank Borman**, financial and labour issues plagued the airline in the 1970's and early 80's. **Frank Lorenzo** acquired the airline for Texas Air Corporation in 1985 and quickly began the task of destroying the brand. Routes were transferred to the less unionized **Continental Airlines**, **Eastern Air Lines Shuttle** was sold to **Donald Trump** and maintenance was severely reduced on what was left of the fleet (see [NL # 1354 The Silver Bullet](#)).

I visited the [IAM Winpisinger Education & Technology Center](#) in 2007 and recall viewing an entire showcase in the library dedicated to the infamous exploits of Mr. Lorenzo. Follow the links below for more detail on the dismantling of the original Eastern Air Lines.

I was more than a little surprised when I received an email from YouTube, regarding new posts to channels that I subscribe to, containing a link to a video of a **Boeing 737-800 in Eastern Air Lines livery** landing in Calgary on a charter carrying the Florida Panthers.

I dove into Wikipedia to find out that a company named **Eastern Air Lines Group** purchased the "intellectual property" of the original airline in 2009 and began operations on May 28, 2015. They now have a fleet of one 737-700 and five 737-800's operating charters for sports teams and Latin American destinations. They have another forty-one aircraft on order.

Ironically, there is still a Donald Trump connection. Aircraft N278EA (the 737-700) was leased by the Trump/Pence campaign and is the aircraft that skidded off the runway at LaGuardia Airport on October 27, 2016 with Governor Pence aboard. Luckily it was only lightly damaged and is back in service.

Over the past generation, we have seen several classic airline brands become part of history. For Eastern Air Lines, it seems that there will be more history to be written.



Thanks to [DUDE8472PRODUCTIONS](#) for use of the video. Check out his channel on YouTube; great stuff.

Related Links:

[Battle for Eastern Air Lines](#) on YouTube

[Original Eastern Air Lines](#) at Wikipedia

[Frank Lorenzo](#) at Wikipedia

[Death of Eastern](#): How One Man Destroyed an Airline

[New Eastern Air Lines](#) at Wikipedia



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## Reader's Feedback

**Neil Burton** shares this comment -

What a coincidence that the [Netletter 1357](#) featured the **Women in Aviation – The Flying Seven** and the article – **New Kelowna Airport** (August 11, 1960) in the same edition.

**Rosalia (Rolie) Ethel Barrett**, a member of the Flying Seven, was at the official opening of Kelowna's earlier "**Ellison Field**" – August 1949 – and may have performed stunt flying during the Kelowna Regatta.

Incidentally, as a single woman, **Rolie Moore**, a student of **A. H. (Hal) Wilson**, instructor of the **Aero Club of B.C.**, performed stunt flying at the opening of **Kamloops Municipal Airport** – August 6, 1939 –, and the next day put on an aerial display over the **Tranquille Sanatorium** (tuberculosis hospital) for its patients.

Neil Burton

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**Ahmet Eracar** referring to [NetLetter 1358](#) sends us this information -

On your last issue, the name of the gentleman with the license plate "SFOTRAC" is **JOE ROSS**. The last I've heard was that he passed away, he was a good person to work with.

Ahmet Eracar.

(The original article gave the name Joe Foss, we now assume a typo - eds)



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## Odds and Ends

### **The start of airmail service between Calgary-Edmonton-Lethbridge-Vancouver in 1938.**

"Lethbridge Field Ready for TCA Mail Schedule; No Passengers Just Yet" - "Calgary Not to Be On Hook-up at Start."

Lethbridge (Special): Lethbridge airport facilities are in readiness for the inauguration of Trans-Canada Air Mail service on Saturday, October 1st, as well as service between Lethbridge and Edmonton. The eastbound airliner will arrive at Lethbridge from Vancouver before taking-off for Regina and Winnipeg. The westbound plane is scheduled to arrive from Winnipeg before taking-off for Vancouver. Passengers will not be carried at the present time. The Calgary airport will be included as soon as the airport is completed.

(source The Calgary Daily Herald issue September 29th, 1938).

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**An old Victorian mail coach** will aid in the transfer of air mail, all part of the scheme of the airmail boosters' committee of the Edmonton chamber of commerce to celebrate the opening of the **Trans-Canada Air Lines** mail service which starts from our city to Lethbridge on Saturday October 1st at 8:45 pm, and will include mail from **Port Radium**, and from various northern points, collected by Mackenzie Air Service aircraft piloted by **Stan MacMillian**, will also be included.

(source the "Edmonton Journal" issue September 29th, 1938).

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(Lethbridge (CP) - First airmail under the new service provided by Trans-Canada Air Lines arrived at Lethbridge 3:42 am, October 1st. Pilots "**Jock**" **Barclay** and **Ted Allen** flew the plane from Winnipeg.

(source The Calgary Daily Herald issue October 1st, 1938).

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Send-off for airmail will be brilliant September 1938. Ceremony starts at 8:15 p.m. With Plane's take-off at 8:45 p.m. Right on the dot of 8:45 o'clock tonight the twin-motored Trans-Canada Air Lines Lockheed Electra monoplane will lift its wheels from the Edmonton airport, tuck them back and start out on the inaugural flight of western airmail.

One of the most impressive ceremonies ever held at the city airport will take place as the first sacks of winged mail are placed aboard the aircraft, under the glare of floodlights, for a night flight to join the east-west line of TCA. The ceremony starts at 8:15 pm when His Worship **Mayor John W. Fry**, city commissioners and other civic officials will give brief addresses, which will be amplified by loud speakers.

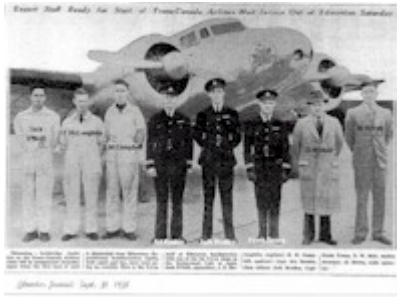
At 8:30 pm the mail will arrive, carried in the old MacLoad stage coach, drawn by four horses and driven by **Frank Dynes**. The first mail sack and a bouquet will be presented by **Mrs. Harrison Young** to Captain **Arthur Rankin** who will pilot the plane. Co-pilot will be First Officer **Jack Bradley**.

The plane will taxi out onto the runway at 8:35 and will be ready to take off sharp at 8:45. It will circle the city once before heading south for Lethbridge. First incoming airmail on this route arrived in Edmonton at 5:45 am today. The airmail service for Edmonton provides for a pickup at the Edmonton post office at 8 pm. daily and delivery by noon next day in either Winnipeg or Vancouver.

(source The Calgary Daily Herald October 1st, 1938)

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Following from the collection of **Donald T. Renshaw Sr.** The plane left for Edmonton at 4:00 am for the northern trip. Edmonton - Lethbridge feeder on the Trans-Canada Air Lines route will be inaugurated Saturday night (October 1st, 1938) when the first load of mail is dispatched from Edmonton. Experimental familiarization flights, both nights and day, have been operating recently.



Here is the T.C.A. staff at Edmonton headquarters with **one of the big T.C.A. ships** in the background.

Left to right: **Jack O'Neill**, apprentice; **J. E. McLaughlin**, engineer; **E. M. Campbell**, engineer; **Captain**

**Art Rankin**; First Officer **Jack Bradley**; **Captain Frank Young**; **D. W. Moir**, station manager and **Al Brown**, radio operator.



## Terry's Trivia and Travel Tips



Terry Baker

**REMINDER! Employee Travel Pass travel privilege annual refresh.** Our annual employee travel pass refresh took place during the weekend of January 14, 2017.

(source The Daily December 28/16)



This TCA advert was found in the **Canadian Jewish Review** issue July 29th, 1955.

### Overseas British passport applications

#### How long will it take?

Your application should take 6 weeks from when it's received by Her Majesty's Passport Office in the UK. You may have to attend an interview. Applications will take longer if HM Passport Office need to ask you for more information or if the documents or photographs you send are rejected. Don't book any travel until you have a valid

passport. If you need to travel more urgently, you may be able to apply for an **Emergency Travel Document**.

### **What does it Cost?**

You'll have to pay a fee for your passport as well as a courier fee of £19.86. The courier fee covers the cost of sending your passport and supporting documents back to you securely.

<b>Passport type</b>	<b>Passport fee</b>	<b>Total to pay (including courier fee)</b>
Adult standard 32-page passport	£83.00	£102.86
Adult jumbo 48-page passport	£91.00	£110.86

### **How do I apply?**

You must apply and pay for your passport online.

Before you start you need:

1. Your current passport
2. 2 identical new photos of you (or your child, if it's a child passport application)
3. Any other current passports issued by other countries
4. A MasterCard, Visa, Visa Electron, Visa Debit or
  - Maestro (UK Domestic) card - Maestro (International) cards aren't accepted.
  - Read the guidance notes to help you fill in your online application.
  - Check which supporting documents you must send with your application.
  - Any documents that aren't in English (including documents showing an address) must be translated by a professional translator.
  - You will need to print, sign and post your declaration form at the end.
  - Start your application on Her Majesty's Passport Office website [www.gov.uk/overseas-passports/y/canada/renewing\\_old/adult/united-kingdom](http://www.gov.uk/overseas-passports/y/canada/renewing_old/adult/united-kingdom)
  - You must include all your supporting documents with your application.
  - You'll get 6 weeks to provide any that are missing.
  - Your application will be cancelled and you won't get a refund if you don't provide them in time.

### **Contact the Passport Advice line**

Telephone: +44 (0) 300 222 0000

Monday to Friday, 8am to 8pm (UK time)

Saturday, Sunday and public holidays, 9am to 5:30pm  
(UK time)



## Smileys



This from the **Flight International** issue dated November 22, 2016. Playing chicken!

**A couple of years ago**, flying into ZRH (Zurich, Switzerland), just the day after the landing fees increased once more, the following conversation took place while on hold between a Cessna 172 on final and the controller. It was a busy day with lots of commercial traffic.

**Controller:** "Cleared to land runway 28; winds calm, please expedite and can you make it a short landing to the first exit?"

**Cessna:** "Negative, we pay for the whole runway, we use the whole runway!"

(source AVWeb flash Dec 25/16)



Terry Baker | Alan Rust | Wayne Albertson  
Ken Pickford (missing from photo)  
NetLetter Staff for 2017

(you can read our bios at [www.thenetletter.net/history](http://www.thenetletter.net/history))