



Aviation Memorabilia Newsletter

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Boeing CC-177 Globemaster III
Photo by [Airwolfhound](#)

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

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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Social Events

The **ACRA Annual Badminton** tourney was held in Prague on October 11 - 13, 2018. Here is a photo of the crowd who enjoyed the competitions.

Several photos of the winners have been posted on the [ACRA Facebook](#) page.



Women in Aviation

The Results Are In: Girls in Aviation Day 2018 a Huge Success

On October 13, 2018, 105 chapters and corporate members held 99 separate **Girls in Aviation Day** events including nine international chapters, 25 corporate member events, and 23 collegiate chapters. International events were held in 15 countries including Australia, Botswana, Canada, England, France, Germany, Ghana, India, Ireland, Kenya, Netherlands, Nigeria, Spain, United States, and Zambia.

Drawing from the local communities including Girl Scouts, church groups, and outreach to schools, WAI estimates that more than 15,000 girls participated in Girls in Aviation Day 2018.

(Source: wai.org)

Airwomen from 17 Wing inspire at Girls in Aviation Day.

Once a year, **Royal Canadian Air Force** women from **17 Wing Winnipeg, Manitoba**, are superheroes for a day. Once a year, they show young girls that anything is possible. Once a year, they inspire the next generation of women during the **Winnipeg Girls in Aviation Day**.

The 2018 sold-out event was held on October 13 at **Winnipeg's Royal Aviation Museum of Western Canada**. There, 150 girls learned about aviation and aerospace careers and had the chance to meet successful female role models.

The girls, aged 8 to 17, heard inspiring female speakers such as the **Honourable Rochelle Squires**, Minister of Sustainable Development and Minister responsible for the status of women. **Kendra Kincade**, an air traffic controller, gave a presentation; she is the founder of **Elevate Aviation**, a non-profit organization that helps women across Canada find economic security within the aviation industry.

(Source: rcf-arc.forces.gc.ca)



Air Canada broke ground October 25, 2018, for a new facility that will house their ground support equipment service and cargo teams at Edmonton International Airport (YEG)

This facility will allow Air Canada to further enhance their operational capabilities and reinforce their commitment to Alberta's capital city. The new facility is expected to open in September 2019.

(Source: ACDaily & www.newswire.ca - October 25, 2018.)



Reader Submitted Photos

In NetLetter #1402 we had two photos of employees at the **Air Canada Ground Support Equipment** at Dorval.

Mike Vieira has sent us these photos and information.

Hangar 1 was converted into a GSE shop in the '60s after Air Canada built hangars on the other side of the Montreal Airport which became the Air Canada base.

You can see a part of the **TCA** sign on the left side of the building near the top (photo was taken around 2005).



A night-time look at hangars 1 & 2 at Dorval in the 50's as Trans-Canada Air Lines.



Here they are removing 1 of the 2 TCA signs that were on the building columns.



The TCA sign is lowered to the ground, this one was covered in roofing tar when they expanded the building between hangar 1 & 2.

It still sits in our new GSE shop waiting to be cleaned and mounted... somewhere!!



Here's the location of the other TCA sign that was saved, cleaned and installed at the new SOC center in Brampton Ontario.



The end of an era with many good memories. The hangar roof sits on the ground.

Paul Goodman has sent us this information -

During **Austrian Airlines** flight #72 on September 27, 2018 sector VIE - YYZ, I took this photo of chef taking orders in



Business class. Certainly did not see him taking food orders from those poor souls at the back of the plane...Paul Goodman.



TCA/AC People Gallery



✶ *airOntario*
✶ *airNova*
✶ *NWT air*

Jazz
AIR CANADA ✶
jetz
AIR CANADA ✶
tango



1984 - June 16 - Direct flight between Victoria and Toronto commenced.



Here is the cover of the enRoute magazine issue April 2012.

Climb every mountain: The view from Rotenboden, Zermatt, on the way to the Mont-Rosa-Hutte.

Photo by **Lorne Bridgman**.

(Source:

enroute.aircanada.com/en/magazine/past-issues

Air Canada NAVI magazine series was launched in March 2017. On the left, we have the issue for the Winter of 2017 cover page.



Below is a photo of the crew.

Louis Stoyanoff, Robert Mans, Richard Weltham, Scott Hannon, Abdull Hraiche, Robert Penyk, Feroze Anis, Arin Goswami, Court Edeburn, Daniela Provato, Dean Stoddart, Magdalene Kuzevc, Michael Tomasevic, Jennifer Young, Brian Murray, Mark Storoschuck and Muna Bahumaid.



From the "**Horizons**" magazine.

Issue dated **May 2006**. (Used with permission)

RESIII being replaced by Athena

To better the requirements of Air Canada's new business model and to support its strategy to provide value and simplicity to its customers, a company-wide initiative has been launched to replace our current RES III system.

Labelled 'Athena' for the goddess of ingenuity and creativity, this project will involve building a completely new system based on practical solutions to simplify the process.

On March 22, 2006, NASA fired three Micro-satellites into space over the Pacific Ocean.

Nothing strange in that, but the satellites were carried and dropped by a Lockheed L-1011 jet at 39,000 feet.

So what? Well, it turns out that the aircraft was formally from the Air Canada fleet, none other than CF-TNJ fin #510 c/n 1067, having started its career on March 18, 1974.

In 1990, the company parked the aircraft in Marana, Arizona. In May 1992, Orbital Sciences obtained the aircraft and pulled it out of storage in May 1992 and named it "Stargazer".

For more see Wayne's Wings article from [NL #1377](#).



PHOTO BY BRIAN LOCKETT, GOLETA AIR & SPACE MUSEUM

The Orbital Sciences Corporation pulled a former Air Canada L-1011 aircraft from storage in Arizona and named it Stargazer. Stargazer is used by NASA to fire Microsatellites into space over the Pacific Ocean to study the earth's magnetic fields.

Issue dated **November 2010**

Michael Tremblay, Director Call Centre/Customer Relations visited the Winnipeg Call Centre in the Fall of 2010 to celebrate 325 years of Air Canada service.

Below, left to right: **Danilla Brunel, Michael Tremblay, Bruce Hambleton, Diane Schille, Carmen Stoyko, Margot MacDonald, Doris Gudz, Cade Coghill, Nora Ann Berry, Don Boulet** and **Sheila Wall**, all Customer Sales and Service Agents who celebrated 25 years with Air Canada in the second half of 2010.

Someone had to answer the phones, so missing from the photo are **Charlene Howe, Darryl Draeger** and **Helen Shumada**; Customer Sales & Service Agents who also celebrated 25 years of service.



Michael Tremblay, Director Call Centre/Customer Relations recently visited the Winnipeg Call Centre to celebrate 325 years of Air Canada service. Left to right : **Danilla Brunel**, **Michael Tremblay**, **Bruce Hambleton**, **Diane Schille**, **Carmen Stoyko**, **Margot MacDonald**, **Doris Gudz**, **Cade Coghil**, **Nora Ann Berry**, **Don Boulet**, **Sheila Wall**, all Customer Sales and Service Agents who celebrated 25 years with Air Canada in the second half of 2010. Missing: **Charlene Howe**, **Darryl Draeger**, **Helen Shumada**, Customer Sales & Service Agents who also celebrated 25 years of service.

Issue dated **May 1984**.

A new chapter of the **Pionairs** was recently established in London, Ontario.

Bruce Wrigley, a former Passenger Sales Representative from Toronto, greeted the 46 retirees at a luncheon held in a quaint local restaurant. Included in the group were **Nancy Walchuck**, president of the 'Pionairs' and her husband Merv.

Nancy outlined some of the activities of the 'Pionairs' highlighting the upcoming annual meeting in Anaheim.

Pat Tapson, Manager, London, Ontario, was unable to attend but **Tony Mcleod**, Customer Service Manager was on hand to extend a hearty welcome. He encouraged all 'Pionairs' to join the very active local **Air Canada Recreation Association** and invited them to participate in the **Hackers' Golf Tournament and Bar-B-Q** planned for August 9, 1984.

Issue dated **June 1984**

The seventh **Annual General Meeting** of the **Pionairs** was held at Anaheim, California held May 10-12, 1984.

Close to 500 members and guests were in attendance, welcomed by President **Nancy Walchuk**. Current executive was **Donald McFarlane**, Secretary; **Kay Napolitano**, Treasurer; **Norm Donnelly**, 2nd VP; **Gord Smith**, 1st VP and **George Fox**, Immediate Past President. Also present were two of the founding members, **Martin Betts** and **Emily Coxon**.

Some changes in the directorship of the various Pionair districts were announced. **Don Jarvis** resigned in Calgary and replaced by **Gord Sanders**. In Winnipeg, **Beth Ferguson** resigned and was replaced by **Mike Lewicki**.

In attendance was **Bruce Wrigley**, the new director at London, Ontario, **Evelyn Desjardins**, Montreal; **Bob Jeffs**, Toronto; **Tony Bruneau**, Halifax. Unable to attend were **Mary Young**, Ottawa; **Doug Armitage**, Vancouver; **Roger Alain**, Florida and **Tony Butler**, Victoria.

At the conclusion of the meeting, it was unanimously agreed that the 8th AGM will again be held in Anaheim.

ACRA gets down to business.

Presidents of their representatives of the **Air Canada Recreation Association** gathered in Montreal to discuss a number of employee activities with **Harold Miloff**, Director Employee Affairs and Services, **Gail Ellis**, Employee Services Coordinator, and **Jim Whitelaw**, Senior V.P. Human Resources. They took time off from their meetings to talk and be photographed with then-President **Claude I. Taylor**.

In our photo shown back row from the left are: **Jim Miller**, Toronto; **Robin Parsons**, London; England; **Bernice Zasada**, Winnipeg; **Diane Drury**, Montreal; **Gary Hughes**, Thunder Bay; **Claude Taylor**; **Cory Smith**, Los Angeles; **Bernie Curwin**, Moncton; **Bob Bateman**, Saskatoon; **Bernie Allandyce**, Vancouver and **Neil Stephenson**, Regina.

Front row, from the left. are **Johnny Gaudreau**, Sept Iles; **Herb Metzler**, Frankfurt; **Pauline Guest**, Edmonton; **Rhonda Manore**, London, Ontario; **Duncan Butchart**, Calgary; **Winston MacDonald**, Sydney and **Mary Haines**, Halifax.

Missing from the photograph are: **Joe Hancock**, San Francisco; **Randy McNiven**, St. John's; **Wilfred Hackey**, Quebec City; **Jim Batten**, Ottawa and **Glenna Hayes**, Saint John.



Back row left: Jim Miller, Robin Parsons, Bernice Zasada, Diane Drury, Gary Hughes, Claude Taylor, Cory Smith, Bernie Curwin, Bob Bateman, Bernie Allandye, Neil Stephenson. Front row, Johnny Gaudreau, Herb Metzler, Pauline Guest, Rhonda Manore, Duncan Butchart, Winston MacDonald, Mary Haines.



Some members of the staff of U.S. and Southern Region office when it was still located on Los Angeles, got together in New York.

From the left are **Ron Vigers**, Regional Aircraft Safety and Services Manager, **Pat Labrie**, Vice President, U.S. and Southern Region; **Betty Kamecker**, Executive Secretary; **Ralph Goodmurphy**, Regional Financial Manager and **Bert Chapman**, General Manager, South.

The regional offices relocated to New York in 1975.



Alan's Space



Alan Rust

Imperial Airways

Imperial Airways was the early British commercial long-range airline, operating from **1924 to 1939** and serving parts of Europe but principally the British Empire routes to South Africa, India and the Far East, including Malaya and Hong Kong.

Imperial Airways was merged into the British Overseas Airways Corporation (BOAC) in 1939, which in turn merged with the British European Airways (BEA) in 1974 to form British Airways.

After World War 1 Britain had a surplus of warplanes that were used to jumpstart its commercial air industry. In 1924, the government gathered together the few struggling British air companies to form Imperial Airways. They not only shuttled passengers but mail all over the globe. We believe

the photo shown below is of a Handley W.10, with a similar model (Handley Page W.8b) shown at the bottom. This model held 12 passengers with an open cockpit for the two pilots.

Shown in the first photo below, the seats are made of wicker and I'm not sure how securely they are anchored to the floor. Also, I found it amusing that they show a "Ripping Panel" at the top of the cabin. It reads "in case of emergency, pull ring sharply". which would open up the canvas roof for escape.

See https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Imperial_Airways for more info.





CP Air, Canadian People Gallery



From Air Canada "**Horizons**" magazine issue dated December 1983. **Nordair** bounces back into the black.



[Click here for the Nordair story.](#)

First of a 4 part Canadian Pacific History -

Montreal versus London. Canadian Pacific Railway's Ambitions.

The following illuminating article appeared in the May 1st, 1941 issue of "**American Aviation.**"

A GIGANTIC air transport development is in the making in Canada which will place this northern neighbour of the U.S. in a strategic position after the war is over as the focal point for air transportation to the Orient, to Europe, and to all of the British Commonwealth of nations.

The rising new factor is the **Canadian Pacific Railway**, which has purchased or acquired control of eight airline companies in Canada, and which today is gaining wide experience in over-ocean flying by reason of its complete control of servicing and operation of bombers being ferried to England.

There is even much reason to believe that Canadian Pacific Railway is today in the dominant control of British Overseas

Airways and that Montreal will become the centre of British commercial air services when the war is over.

The extent to which C.P.R. has forged its way to the top as the largest potential British airline operator has not been thoroughly recognized outside of a small circle associated with C.P.R.'s air service department.

Development of an extensive air service department by C.P.R. is a new phase of the long rivalry between this company and the Government-owned **Canadian National Railway**, which owns Trans-Canada Air Lines.

(Source: Financial Times Archives - 1941)

(Part 2 in NetLetter nr 1404)



**Wayne
Albertson**

Canadian Forces CC-177 Globemaster III

I recently came across the video below on YouTube of a Royal Canadian Air Force Boeing C-17 on departure from Leeds Bradford Airport last May. I was amused by the cheerful waving of the soldier to the crowd while the aircraft is taxiing to the approach of the runway. It seems to lift very gracefully into the air for such a large

aircraft.

The official Canadian designation for the aircraft is CC-177 Globemaster III.

They joined the RCAF fleet in July 2007 to perform military and humanitarian missions for which leased An-124 Ruslan aircraft from Russia had previously been used.

The aircraft featured in the video is registration #177703 which was the third of the original four ordered from Boeing. It is based at CFB Trenton. A fifth aircraft was delivered in 2015.

References:

[YouTube Video](#) of takeoff below

[Boeing C-17](#) at Wikipedia

Canadian Forces fleet listing at rzjets.net



Odds and Ends



As if it wasn't enough to be planning to fly a fleet of vintage C-47's above Normandy in June 2019, to commemorate the 75th anniversary of D-Day, the project also includes about 300 parachute jumpers from a variety of historic-recreation groups who aim to honour the veterans of WWII.

The jumpers aim to faithfully re-create the historical aspects of their gear and equipment, subject to safety and operational limitations, and certain other liberties are also allowed.

The Europe flight departs in May, from Connecticut. The organizers expect to fly about 15 jump sorties in Normandy and Berlin.

(Source: avweb.com - October 25, 2018)

Another aircraft restaurant.

Farmer Builds Full-Size A320 Replica.

When Chinese garlic farmer **Zhu Yue** had to admit to himself that he would never achieve his lifelong dream of learning to fly, he did what he considered to be the next best thing. The ambitious and apparently prosperous agriculturalist and welder built a full-scale steel model of an



A320 in his hometown of Kaiyun. "I hit midlife and realized I couldn't buy one, but I could build one," he said.

It's not clear what type of aircraft Zhu thought he might want to buy but the \$374,000 he spent on the enormous model of Airbus's bread and butter airliner should have given him a lot of options. Nevertheless, he forged ahead with the complex project, using an 80th-scale model and photos to guide him.

The result is a somewhat faithful replica that weighs more than 130,000 pounds. Zhu plans to use the replica as a restaurant where diners will be seated in 36 first class seats. "We will put down a red carpet so every person who comes to eat will feel like a head of state," Zhu said.

(Source: avweb.com - October 28, 2018)

Bombardier plans to sell the Q400 regional turboprop program to Longview Aviation Capital, parent company of Canada's Viking Air, which previously acquired the rights to out-of-production de Havilland Canada types.

(Source: [ATW Daily News](http://ATWDailyNews.com) - November 8, 2018)

This airline sure is accident prone!

A **Lion Air Boeing 737-900ER** was damaged when the aircraft's wing struck a pole while taxiing to the runway at **Bengkulu Fatmawati Airport**, on the evening of November 7, 2018. Flight JT 633, bound for **Jakarta Soekarno Hatta Airport**, was carrying 143 passengers when the left wing came into contact with a pole at around 6:20 p.m. local time, resulting in a visible tear on the wing's leading edge near the winglets.

No one was injured, and passengers were transferred to another Lion Air flight to Jakarta four hours later. The eight-year old 737-900ER, registered as PK-LGY, and the two pilots were grounded following the incident. The Indonesia Ministry of Transport said it would investigate the cause of the incident and take follow-up measures.

(Source: [ATW Daily News](http://ATWDailyNews.com) - November 8, 2018)





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.

Air 500.



Air 500 Limited was a Canadian airline. Founded in 1985 by **Dennis Chadala**, former Captain, director of marketing and assistant to **Carl Millard**, of

the defunct **Millardair**. The company commenced operations with a **Super Beech 18 Model E**, registered C-FTAE that was purchased from **Bradley First Air** where it had retired from flying the Dew line in Northern Canada.

The Beech 18 was originally purchased new by **Timmins Aviation**. The founder had extensive knowledge of the emergency freight business and the operation of DC-3s, Super DC-3s and DC-4 aircraft due to his position within the inner circle at Millardair. Dennis Chadala created Air 500 Limited on a shoe string, without financing and was the first airline to receive licensing and an operating certificate at Toronto's Pearson International Airport following deregulation of the aviation industry in Canada in 1985.

(Source: en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Air_500)

Coastal Airways BC, flying as **Royal Airlines**, was established in 1931 by **Richard Gosse** of **BC**

Packers, Victoria's **Robert Pim Butchart**, and **J.H. Tudhope**, former Commanding Officer of the RCAF Jericho Beach Station.

The airline flew passengers and mail with a **Bellanca Pacemaker**, CF-AND and a **Fairchild 71**, probably CF-AJP, from The Causeway in front of **The Empress Hotel** to Vancouver on a passenger/airmail service.

The service had a very short lifespan due to practical inexperience and internal dissent.



Coastal Airways' Pacemaker moored on the east side Inner Harbour

(Source:
www.victoriaharbourhistory.com)



Smileys

From "Between Ourselves" magazine - Issue dated July 1943.

The Co-Pilot by **Ken Murray** - CCA

I am the co-pilot; I sit on the right,
It's up to me to be quick and bright.
I never talk back, for I have regrets,
But I have to remember what the Captain forgets.

I make out the flight plan and study the weather,
Pull up the gear and stand by to feather
Check the tanks, and do the reporting.
And fly the old crate while the captain is courting.

I take the readings, adjust the power,
Put on the heaters when in a shower;
Tell him where we are on the darkest night,
And do all the book work without any light.

I call for my Captain and buy him cokes,
I always laugh at his corny jokes;
And once in a while when his landings are rusty.
I always come through with "by gosh it is gusty".

All in all I'm a general stooge, as I sit on the right of the man
I call "scrooge".

I guess you think that is past understanding, but maybe
some day he will give me a landing!





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)