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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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Shirlee Schacter sends us this notice -

Friends of Front Street (also known as "FoFS") is holding their **18th Annual Reunion** on **Saturday, November 3, 2018**, from 11:30 a.m. to ?? at **Hooters, 171 Carlingview Drive** on the YYZ Airport strip.

This group, initially comprised of former employees from the Toronto branch of the **Computer & Systems Services Department** of Air Canada (C&SS), based at 151 Front Street in Toronto, branched out to include other Departments that interfaced with C&SS over the years, such as **Transportation Services**, **Marketing**, **Sales** and others.

There are over 400 names on the master list, of which about 50% have email contact.

If you feel you should be included on that list and did not receive your invitation, please contact **Shirlee Schacter** at <u>sschacter@rogers.com</u>



Pictured above are: John Seddon, Redd Reid, Rick Morris, Stu Duncan, Sadru Kassam, Bruce Castator, Leslie Kulokas, Liveen Richards, Jeanne Wall, Bob Newson, Gary Johnson, Shirlee Schacter, Bob Haywood, Linda Haywood, Russ Martin Jeannie Lindo, Jaleel Kalamadeen, Charlie Lennox and Frank Marando.



Women in Aviation

Canada's first Indigenous women-owned airline to launch out of YVR

In Vancouver, on Friday, September 21, 2018, a new Indigenous women-owned airline announced its launch and start of service coming next spring.



Called **"Iskwew Air"**, the airline will begin its flights next March out of Vancouver International Airport's south terminal. The airline is expected to offer charter services and hopes to provide scheduled service to remote

communities across the province in an effort to boost accessibility and Indigenous tourism.

Here is a photo of **Teara Fraser**, CEO and founder of Iskwew Air.

Source: www.yvr.ca

Flybe begins 'Flyshe' program to bring more women into aviation.

Europe's largest regional airline has begun an initiative to bring more women into aviation, in the same week as the UK's pilots' union expressed fears that rising costs increasingly mean that only the wealthy can become flight deck crew.

(Source: ATW Daily News September 21, 2018)



A United Airlines Boeing 787 flew from San Francisco (SFO) to Zurich on September 14-15 powered by a blend of biojet fuel derived from carinata, an oilseed crop that can be grown in rotation with food crops.

(Source: <u>ATW Online</u>)

STAR ALLIANCE





In <u>NetLetter #1399</u>, **Shirlee Schacter** sent some photos taken at the Woodbine event.

We, at the NetLetter, gave an incorrect caption to one of the photos, and we send this correction:

Caption to picture in YYZ Pionairs

Woodbine Event published in NetLetter #1399 should have read:

"Big smiles from "Buck" Buchanan and Sylvia Dexter".

Marlie Kelsey has posted photos from the CP Air/Canadian BC District Reunion, Parksville, British Columbia, September 16, 2018, on Facebook.

Here is a selection -



Don Koch, Chris Lefort and Dave Kemp.



Patti Archibald, Sandra Gail Rickson, Danielle Benoit and Don Comfort. Rick Dobson, Gord Blad and Don Koch.





Marlie Kelsey and Jim Austin.

The Whole Gang.



A report is in the CP Air section of this NetLetter.



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Here is the cover of the enRoute magazine issued January 2012.

Snorkeling off the Scott Beach in the U.S. Virgin Islands, photo by **Chris Nicholls.**



Extracts from the **"Horizons"** magazine. Issue dated **February 2006**. (with permission).

Dreams Take Flight.



Dreams Take Flight started in Toronto in **1989** when a group of employees took 70 children to Walt Disney World Resort. Since then this special flight has expanded across Canada. Children on flights from Vancouver, Edmonton, and Calgary visit Disneyland in California. Children on the Winnipeg, Toronto, Ottawa, Montreal and Halifax flights see

Walt Disney World Resort in Florida.

Since the start of the program in 1989, more than 11,000 physically, mentally or socially challenged children have visited Disneyland or Walt Disney World Resort thanks to employees, retirees, family and friends from Air Canada and Jazz, and the many corporate sponsors of Dreams Take Flight.

Employees donate \$10,000 winnings to Dreams Take Flight.

This group of Toronto-based employees entered a local radio station's scavenger hunt and won the \$10,000 top prize which will be donated to Dreams Take Flight. These employees showed that through teamwork and sheer determination, the near impossible can be accomplished.

This hardy team searched for 25 hard-to-find items including a live elephant, an original pay stub from an NHL hockey player, a Commodore 64 computer, a 1957 Chevy that works and a window speaker from a drive-in movie – not to mention having 12 people dress up as Santa Claus.

To help in the search, they enlisted colleagues, friends and family. In the end, all but two items were obtained. Many scavenger teams had contacted the Bowmanville Zoo for an elephant, however, when the zoo learned that the Air Canada team would donate its winnings to Dreams Take Flight, the zoo agreed our employees could lay claim to the elephant as theirs for the purposes of the hunt.

In our photo are some of the employees who participated in the hunt:



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Back row: Julie Mailhot, Manager, Flight Dispatch Operations & ATC Coordinator; Tina Fallis, Flight Safety Awareness Manager; Josie Forbes, Project Control Manager; Kathy Dutchak, Manager, Finance & Administration – SOC; Mary Wolf, Manager, Non-Aircraft Procurement; Nancy

Rockbrune, Black Belt; **Cathy Hollister**. Manager, Employee & Ground Safety.

Front row: **Annie Prasnjak**, Emergency Response Planning Manager; **Krista Clark**, Manager, Internal Quality Audits; **Sandra Boyle**, PMO Project Manager; **Lita Mueller**, Administrative Assistant; **Jan Yeo**, Supply Accounts Assistant.

At Paris customers have access to two Air Canada selfservice check-in kiosks, which includes a passport reading device.



Standing by the Air Canada check-in kiosk at Paris Airport are:

From the left: Jean-Pierre Oiry, Senior Station Co-ordinator; Gilles Charlu, Customer Service Manager; Laetitia Waeyaert, Passenger Agent; Patrice Buret,

Senior Sales Agent; Cedric Tasnier, Passenger Agent.

Issue July/August 2010. (Used with permission).

Air Canada employees participate in the GTAA run in Toronto. On Saturday, June 19, 2010, Air Canada employees participated in the GTAA's third annual Runway Run for charity.

Runway 06R-24L was closed for the event and participants jogged or walked alongside other active runways to raise money for a great cause.



In our photo are: Nikki Tsimiklis, Daniela Provato, Lidia Campanaro, Mike Trauzzi. Mary Manni, Michael Foley, Linda Lancione, Chris Timson and Karima Lalani.



Starting in November 2009, aware of being in WestJet territory, Calgary employees held a Customer Appreciation Day at the airport – a big hit with our passengers.

So employees from Customer

Relations, Airports, GSE and In-flight, led by **Marlene Pipella,** GM Customer Relations, got together to think of ways to put Air Canada back on the brains of Calgarians.

They set their sights on the Greatest Outdoor Show on Earth - **'The Calgary Stampede'**.

Issue dated **September 2010.** (Used with permission)

Changing the way we buy at Air Canada.

Did you know that Air Canada spends over \$5.6 billion a year buying goods, services or products? Everything from the earbuds we resell onboard, to the van services that drive our crews to and from hotels during layovers, to the very paper this story is printed on — from more than 4000 suppliers?

It is imperative that we adopt a well thought out process for selecting our suppliers, many of whom are strategic to our business.

In our photo we have:

Sitting left to right: **Lou Carvalho**, Senior Director Catering Product; **Luc Piché**, Senior Director Strategic Procurement; **Andrianna Pischos**, Manager, In-Flight Catering Product; **Danny Lavigne**, Manager, Strategic Purchasing Commercial.

Standing: Wally Gebara, Suppler Accounts Manager; Sabrina Felicioni, Catering Product Specialist; David Kelusky, Amit Sachder and Jordan Shapiro.

Consultants from A.T. Kearney, a global management company; **Jennifer Tune**, Manager Strategic Purchasing Commercial; **Victor Cheng**, Manager Supply Chain Galley Planning and Catering Performance.



Found in the **"Parts & Pieces"** magazine issue dated 1996, June July & August.



Scam of the Month

Here is a picture of a real character and actor, **Gordon Church**, a Stockkeeper in Dorval stores was solely responsible for this prank that he pulled off on quite a few of his peers. Racks were being pulled from one

location to another by leaving them assembled to save time in re-assembly.

As we all know these racks were put up in the early 1960's and the dirt and cigarette butts were dragged with the racks. Gordon decided to look under the end of one of the racks just as gullible me, **Frank Pedder**, arrived for me to see him move the dust around only to find an old \$20 bill.

He had many of us going for a while until he confessed that it was his \$20 bill and not a found one.



Launching Runway for Crop Dusting



Aerial topdressing

Aerial topdressing is the aerial application of fertilizers over farmland using agricultural aircraft. It was developed in New Zealand in the 1940s and rapidly adopted elsewhere in the 1950s. Although this is quite common in areas where they do crop dusting and fertilizing, most people never see this.

Alan Rust

Aerowork is a company in New Zealand that provides this service and the video below shows how they do this, making many runs per day. I found it amazing that they use the uphill part of the runway to slow down and the opposite to "launch" themselves back into the air. This aircraft was applying "lime" to the crops.

The aircraft is a **Pacific Aerospace**, Model: Cresco 08-600 The PAC Cresco is a turboprop-powered derivative of the FU-24 PAC Fletcher aerial topdressing aircraft, manufactured by the Pacific Aerospace Corporation in Hamilton, New Zealand.





Marlie Kelsey tells us that the CP Air/Canadian BC District



Reunion was held at the Bayside Quality Resort Inn in Parksville on September 14 - 16, 2018.

This is an extension of what started as the YXY reunion in 2003 and now includes all the bases from YXS to YXY including YYE, YQH, YQU and YXT and YPR.

Friday the 14th was Meet and Greet, Saturday the 15th was the dinner, attended by 89 people and on Sunday the 16th, brunch was available. Marlie has posted

many photos on <u>Facebook.com</u>. The NetLetter has some posted here as well under "Reader Submitted Photos".

In NetLetter #1398 we had an appeal from Marlie regarding the incident with CP Air 021 which CBC News with **Ian Hanomansing** was working on and were interested in speaking to anyone with a connection to the crash or anyone who may have information that could help shed light on this 50-year-old case.

On Saturday, at the reunion, **Johanna Wagstaffe** from CBC came over to Parksville and interviewed 3 of the pilots and two women who were flight attendants during that time along with Jim Austin who was an Engineer. They were thrilled to be able to talk to them and did interviews from 1130 to 1530. They were looking to speak to people who flew during that time to find what it was like. What safety procedures were followed? What was it like to be a pilot and flight attendant at that time?

Lots of pictures taken at the reunion and they are posted on CP Air FB. There is such a strong feeling of camaraderie after all these years and even the CBC staff commented on that.

(Note: **Terry Baker** of the NetLetter team was invited to the Meet and Greet and can attest to the camaraderie amongst those present - eds)



Prairie Airways.

In the summer of 1935 the directors of the **Moose Jaw Flying Club** decided it would be a propitious time to set up a small airline specializing in

charter and passenger flying.

They hired member, **Dick Ryan** as manager and formed <u>Prairie Airways</u>. The airline initiated operation flying a **DH Puss Moth** and a high-wing **Cessna** monoplane.



June 15, 1940 rom the collection of Don Henchel)

In April 1938 Prairie Airways received the first feeder line airmail contract issued by the Canadian Post Office Department. Their low bid was based on estimates using the two Beechcraft S18D's on Saskatchewan routes that extended from Prince Albert to North Battleford, south to Saskatoon and Moose Jaw and then connecting with Trans-Canada Air Lines at Regina. The two S18D aircraft were ordered through Canadian distributor, Aircraft Industries of Canada in Montreal.

Late summer, 1940 -- Directors of Moose Jaw-based Prairie Airways began discussing an offer from Canadian Pacific Air Lines to purchase their firm. This was approved; Prairie's GM, Dick Ryan, joined CPA's staff as manager of

its Saskatchewan region, but soon was loaned to the management staff of 3 Air Observer School (AOS) in Regina.

(See From Boxkite To Boardroom by Richard W. "Dick" Ryan.)

This timetable issued in June 15, 1940 is from the collection of **Don Henchell.**

(Source: timetableimages.com)

In late 1941 **Canadian Pacific Air Lines** acquired **Prairie Airways** and its five aircraft (two Beechcraft S18D's, a Barkley-Grow T8P-1, a Cessna Airmaster and a Waco ZQC-6).

(Sources: <u>www.aerodacious.com</u> and Saskatchewan Aviation Chronology 1940-49)



There usually was a Fairchild 71 or an 82 any day around Edmonton from the late 1920s into the early 1960s. This lovely period view, by **Leslie Corness**, features CPA's famous -82 CF- AXQ getting some daily servicing. Built in 1939 c/n 69 for **Mackenzie Air Services** of Edmonton, it migrated to CPA in 1942 with that company's takeover of a host of smaller northern operators. On December 3, 1946, CF-AXQ was acquired by **Waite Fisheries** of Ile-a-La·Crosse, Saskatchewan.

When the pilot got into deteriorating weather on January 28,1947 his windscreen iced up so badly that he couldn't see properly on landing and crashed near home base.

The beloved "82" first had flown at Longueuil near Montreal on July 6, 1935. Twenty-four were built, including examples for Mexico and Argentina.

(Source: Leslie Corness collection via Larry Milberry/CANAV Books)

Captain Ralph Quick has sent us this memory -

18 Minute Search and Rescue.

Sometime in the 1970's F/O **Brian Brownridge** and I were approaching Watson Lake (YQH) in the Yukon. We were at 28,000 feet in a CP Air B-737 Flight 21 overflying YQH due to weather.

Fog dominated the ground for as far as we could see. At YQH the weather was reported as ceiling obscured 1/8 of a mile in fog. As we came overhead I noted a hole in the fog about 1 1/2 miles wide located 5 miles east of YQH on the Alaska Highway between YQH and Lower Post.

About a minute past YQH we heard an American pilot call YQH on frequency 126.7 and saying "I'm on a road heading North and I have 20, maybe 30 minutes fuel left ". YQH replied he was not able to read him as he was breaking up.

I called YQH on 122.2 and said we were reading him five square would you like us to take over. A relieved radio operator said sure and said that we should know that this pilot had left Whitehorse for Muncho Lake after strong recommendations not to, by the YXY Met Office. Also that he had reported by YQH eastbound for Muncho Lake 1hr and 20 mins ago. My reply was that should put him on the Smith River road (as it was the only road heading north that was east of YQH). He concurred. Before talking to the pilot made clear that we would do all talking to pilot on 126.7 and all talking to YQH on 122.2.

What followed was an amazing sequence of events. Considering that from our altitude he could have been up to a 180 miles in any direction we had him safely on the ground on pavement 18 minutes after his initial call. Thanks to a cleaning lady he even had an RCMP car blocking the Alaska Highway for him. I can just see you wondering what a cleaning lady has to do with all this.

To abbreviate the radio communications

W- is Watson Lake Radio. First letter calling to...

A- is American Pilot. Second letter from...

E - is Empress 21...

A E - what type of aircraft?

E A - a Bede 4 (factory manufactured home build 4 place high wing a/c with high wing loading)

A E - do you have ADF?

EA - yes.

A E - tune in 248 KC (YQH radio) and tell me what you see.

E A - It's pointing straight ahead.

W E - he's on the Cassiar Road.

EW - I concur.

E A - I just passed Bus (the way he said we knew he was low level and the bus had been close)

E W - that checks the bus left for Cassiar 7 minutes ago.

So 3 minutes after first call we knew he was about 5 miles south of the Alaska Highway on the Cassiar road which intercepts just west of the town of Watson Lake.

A E - be prepared to make right turn. The road you're on ends in a T just ahead of you. Report eastbound.

I warned him because if he overshot the end of road out into the muskeg with low visibility and he tried a fast turn he would probably stall out at his low level.

I now knew he had enough fuel to make the hole in the fog.

W E - how many cars have the RCMP got?

E W - Two.

W E - would you call RCMP and ask them to block the highway in the fog free area east of town.

EW - Roger.

E A - I am eastbound, I think I can make Muncho Lake.

This proved he didn't have clue where he was (Muncho was 180 miles away and he had no fuel)

A E - just stay on the road (he was flying in 1/8th of a mile in fog and had to fly over the town)

E W - called RCMP no officers there. Cleaning lady says she will pass message on.

I had asked F/O to get me an airspace reservation 28,000 and below within 30 miles of YQH and now used this to do a rapid descent for the hole so that we could be in position to warn A if a car coming out of fog was going to hit him. Had kept passengers in loop with PA as to what was happening. **A E** - you will be coming out of the fog shortly and there could be a police car blocking road.

As we approached the hole at 6,000 ft. above ground we could see a police flasher. No sooner saw that, than a dot appeared out of the fog.

A E - have you in sight the police car ahead is blocking road for you. If you feel you have enough fuel would recommend a circuit "watch out for wires crossing road ".

In all the Yukon this was a short stretch of road between two built up areas YQH and Lower Post that might have wires crossing road. The American went down to the end of clear air turned around and came back towards the police car. I expected him to land but he just kept on coming and soon he was in a position that a landing seemed impossible. All of a sudden he dived and then leveled off and I realized he was decelerating rapidly after landing. As he was only about 300 ft to the police car I said to Brian "he's going to hit the car ". He must have had good brakes as somehow he stopped.

First thing he said was "phew those wires were close". The dive was to get under the wires.

He said thank you for assistance and we continued to YXY.

Captain Ralph Quick

CP Air, CAIL, Retired





Albertson

Airbus A320 Family – 2nd best (for now)

I last wrote about the A320 fleet in NetLetter #1391 as the fleet is nearing 30 years of service in the Air Canada fleet.

I recently came across an article at <u>www.businessinsider.com</u> about how the A320 is solidly in 2nd place, behind the Boeing 737 family, of all time airliner sales.

As of the end of August 2018, the B-737 leads in sales 14,956 to 14,281 for the A320. However, considering that the B-737 entered production 20 years (1967 – 1987) before the A320, the originally controversial aircraft is arguably the fastest selling and most successful passenger aircraft ever built.

I was curious about the history of the A320 prototype aircraft (MSN 001) and was quite surprised to learn that it remained a testbed aircraft for its entire career.

F-WWAI was originally registered in February 1987 and had been



re-registered twice, as F-WWFT and later F-WWBA when it last used for winglet testing before being withdrawn from service in July 2016 and re-painted and preserved at the Aeroscopia Museum in Toulouse under its original registration, FWWAI.

Additional references:

World Airline News Airliners.net Planetspotters.net Planelogger.net



In <u>NetLetter #1398</u>, in the CPAir section we had an article regarding **Canadian Pacific Airlines**, (Airlines 1 word), with several photos of early aircraft and the hangars show **Canadian Pacific Air Lines**, (Air Lines 2 words).

Ken Pickford, who proofreads the NetLetter before we send it to our subscribers, stated that the name of Canadian Pacific Airlines in our original draft of the article was incorrect and should be Canadian Pacific Air Lines, "Air Lines" (2 words). We questioned this as the tickets we have also shows Canadian Pacific Airlines, (Airlines 1 word).

This was Ken's response -

Re: Canadian Pacific Airlines vs. Air Lines, as mentioned the legal name was always 2 words, but the one-word format did appear off and on for marketing purposes. In the ticket small print somewhere inside there's likely a reference to it having been issued by Canadian Pacific Air Lines, Limited.

When the CP Air name was adopted in 1968 that was also just a marketing name, never had any legal significance.

(Note: All reference to Canadian Pacific Airlines in NetLetter nr 1398 was amended to read Canadian Pacific Air Lines.

This is a similar confusion between Trans-Canada Airlines (incorrect) and Trans-Canada Air Lines (correct) - eds)

Neil Burton has sent us the paper he has just finished about the use of a Seabee aircraft operated from Fulton Field Airport, Kamloops, by **Kamloops Air Service**, and pilot **Harry Layton Bray** and his fellow ex-servicemen.

Harry Bray earned his air time on both prop-driven aircraft and the jet propelled type. A note I have says he retired from **Pacific Western Airlines** in June 1981.

Also, part of this paper references ex Air Commodore **Earl Leslie MacLeod**'s MacLeod Aircraft Limited, of Vancouver, a dealer of the **Republic Seabee**. This lends an idea of who was operating the aircraft in B.C., during the late 1940 – early 1950 period.

This being the 80th year of a licensed airport, in Kamloops, I've added short tidbits of the years 1927 to the 1938 licensing. Hope you and your readers enjoy the history, should you choose to read it.

Cheers, Neil Burton, September 22, 2018.



SeaBee Amphibious Aircraft on Fulton Field (Kamloops, B.C.)



One of three Seebees flown by Westinghouse Airways Along with our recent articles on BC airlines, we have this article of an operator with Seabee aircraft, **Westinghouse Airways**.

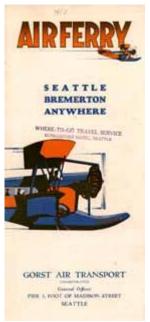
In 1946 two sons of the American industrialist **George**

Westinghouse established Westinghouse Airways headquarters in Victoria. They flew their Luscombe and three Seabee pusher flying boats out of Canadian Pacific and BC Airlines' base in View Royal. The service was sold to BC Airlines in 1954.

(Source: www.victoriaharbourhistory.com)



Here we have a timetable.



In 1927, **Vern C. Gorst**, owner and pilot of Seattle's Gorst Air Transport often flew his **Loening Amphibian Air Yacht** into the harbour, mooring at the B&K wharf.

Gorst entered into partnership with fellow pilot and Seattle **Percy Barnes** in 1928. The two won Victoria's airmail contracts for 1928 through 1930.

They briefly offering a scheduled passenger service between Victoria's B&K wharf and their base on Seattle's Lake Union.



In May of 1930 the company won an additional United States Postal Service airmail contract that ran though to June 1934 flying their red Boeing B-E 204 A Zephyr.

(Source: www.victoriaharbourhistory.com)

We Khan do it.

Big ambitions for your airline start-up?

Why not name it after a ruthless and legendary warrior who ended up dominating much of Asia and Europe? Reigning for almost a quarter of a century and conquering all rivals who stood in his way.

Make way please for China's Genghis Khan Airlines.

(Source: <u>Flight International magazine</u> issue September 11-17, 2018)

The long-proposed regional airline in northern China is scheduled to begin operations next year with Comac ARJ21s instead of the Bombardier CRJ900s originally planned, and is a rebrand from Tianjiao Airlines.

(Source: <u>aviationweek.com</u>)



the "i"s -- on the livery of its Boeing 777-367.

Photos have emerged that appear to show a plane on the ground at Hong Kong International Airport, proudly emblazoned with the words "CATHAY PACIIC."

And to prove that it's a good sport, if not necessarily a good

speller, Cathay Pacific shared the photos on social media, announcing on its Twitter account: "Oops this special livery won't last long! She's going back to the shop.

(Source: cnn.com Sepember 21, 2018)





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.

A friend from Calgary was visiting Victoria and, when presenting her driver's license for boarding the agent noticed it was out of date, the friend had forgotten to renew.

Alberta does not advise holders when

renewals are due; consequently the agent refused boarding without any other government document with a photo.

The agent suggested the friend nip along to get a fishing license, which has a photo on it. Boarding was effected upon the presentation of the fishing license.









Terry Baker | Alan Rust | Wayne Albertson Ken Pickford (missing from photo) NetLetter Staff for 2018 (you can read our bios at <u>www.thenetletter.net/history</u>)