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"Connecting Canada's LGBTQ+ Aviation Community Since 2008"
"Rassembler la communauté en aviation LGBTQ+ du Canada depuis 2008"



Happy Canada Day! / Bonne fête du Canada!

Summer is officially here and the de-ice trucks are nowhere to be seen. Break out the mosquito repellent and the fireworks.

In June it was great to see so many airlines switch out the usual logos and put up a pride version. Times have changed and it really shows that the LGBTQ+ community is included in Aviation. There are some laggards, so we still have some work to do.

I was deployed to the Netherlands for a couple of months. Returning to Canada June 24th, I took a detour on the way to Vancouver via Toronto for Pride.

The NGPA and CAP hosted the Annual Pride launch party at Frans Upper Deck. Sofonda Cox performed for the crowd. Thanks to Eric from Air Canada who brought us some great swag! I was a tad late for it due to craziness from Amsterdam to Toronto - hopefully this will pass and travel will become

enjoyable and more reliable again soon.

Canadian Aviation Pride set up its booth again, with a great location on Church Street, Friday, Saturday and Sunday, June 24-26. With the Help of Bo, Shayne, Steve and Jason we were able to generate some \$2700 in sales! Most of it was made with our \$5 necklace. It was a lot of beads. Previous years it was just the standard pride flag with the Red, Orange, Yellow Green, Blue and Purple, beads with a handful of Trans sequences. Well a lot more have come out of the woodwork since the 3 year hiatus of Covid. Sure there is the new Progress Pride flag to include trans, black and brown plus the gay stripes. Now we have a whole host of flags, including ones for Bisexual, Pansexual, Non Binary, Asexual, DemiSexual (I need to get grey airplane beads now), Gender fluid, Agender, Gender Queer, and Lesbian. I didn't feel too bad about not knowing the colour sequence as many times even the lesbians were googling the flag to make their necklace.

Toronto is an amazing place - it is truly is one of the most beautiful places in the world where everyone from all backgrounds, orientations and gender identities could express themselves. I saw people from all those communities come together for Pride. The Next generation has opened up my eyes even further to the diversity of humanity. It was great to see people from other countries come to participate too. If you think you are different, you are, we all are. It's this diversity we need to embrace, it's what makes us interesting.

It's not over yet, Pride season will continue to glitter across this country, in small towns too. We have plans to host in Vancouver and Montreal Pride. If you want to host a CAP table in your town, let us know and we can help set that up. Anyone want to take up Calgary? Let me know.

As we all keep hearing there is a labour shortage and everyone is multitasking and keeping more than busy. Everyone on the board has been very busy and in fact we have three people who are stepping back from the board of Directors at CAP. Even we aren't immune to the labour shortage.

Dorian has been involved with CAP for several years now and has volunteered at the booth, been treasurer and on the board but needs to dedicate a little more time to getting more pilots trained and in the air.

Vera came on in 2016 and really helped advance CAP with its resource material, hosting various events in Toronto, volunteer management, strategic planning and taking the initiative to advance our goals.

George has been with us since the beginning of CAP and has helped host pride booths and managed all the CAP Booth supplies in Toronto and organized our involvement in Toronto Pride.

All have dedicated countless hours to Canadian Aviation Pride, drafting strategic plans and crafting our

Mission, Vision and Values. The contribution has been immeasurable.

On behalf of myself and everyone at CAP, THANK YOU! for all your work and dedication. They will continue their participation with CAP but just not at the Board level.

We had postponed our AGM and need to do one ASAP. where we will make it official with the changes. However we are going to welcome back Jessica, who had to step back before as she was super busy, but is making time for CAP and will come join the Board with Doris, Adrian and myself. We still have room and if you would like to join the board or get more involved with CAP, we will welcome you. We have invitations to participate with other organizations and events which we would love to engage in, please email us, chair@aviationpride.ca, We also need a volunteer/member coordinator (hint, hint).

We've had to back off the frequency a bit with the newsletters so we don't jamb up your inbox. We will get out timely information on Facebook and Instagram, so follow us there.

Rene and Shane are hosting a Pilots study group chat on Whatsapp. Anyone actively getting their PPL or CPL, email us at info@aviationpride.ca with your whatsapp number and we'll add you to the chat.

Happy Pride everyone!

Peter Litherland
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First of all – Happy Canada Day!

This is our next issue of the currently bi-monthly newsletter. We will keep up this schedule for the remainder of 2022, and hope that we can resume monthly production at that time. I think most organizations are finding that they are slightly short of staff!

We are very pleased to be holding our first summer events in three years, and have just had a very successful Toronto pre-Pride social and Pride booth. We have included a full review with photographs later in this issue. Our sincere thanks to each volunteer who helped us make this such a memorable event!

With Vancouver in July and Montréal in August for their respective Pride celebrations, as well as the fireworks on

Canada Day in Vancouver (thanks Mel and Tom!), it should be a great summer for all of us.

In this issue we are also asking you to consider writing to your Member of Parliament to encourage Transport Canada to change its licence application forms to include gender 'X' along with the standard 'M' and 'F'. See our short article under 'Diversity and Inclusion', and thanks to Jessica Smuck for submitting this proposal.

Both our email and magazine covers this month feature the venerable Canadair Argus, aka CP-107. On the magazine version, this is a shot I took at Hickham air force base in Hawaii on 22 November 1977 on a trans-Pacific flight to New Zealand and back.

The email version was taken three days later on the ramp at Faaa airport in Tahiti. As I recall we got stuck there for four days due to hydraulic leaks and overheat warnings on the engines. Such a shame to be marooned in French Polynesia for so long!

Best wishes,

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Aviation Cartoon



Caricature en aviation



by [Kelly Kincaid](#)

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Flight Plan 2022



Plan de vol 2022

Vancouver

Friday 1 July
Friday 29 July
Sunday 14 August
December

Canada Day fireworks party – **SEE FEATURED EVENT**
CAP Social at Sunset Beach – **SEE FEATURED EVENT**
CAP West Coast Fly-in – **SEE FEATURED EVENT**
Year end party

Toronto

November

Year end party

Montréal

5 – 6 August
November

Pride Booth– **SEE FEATURED EVENT**
Year end party

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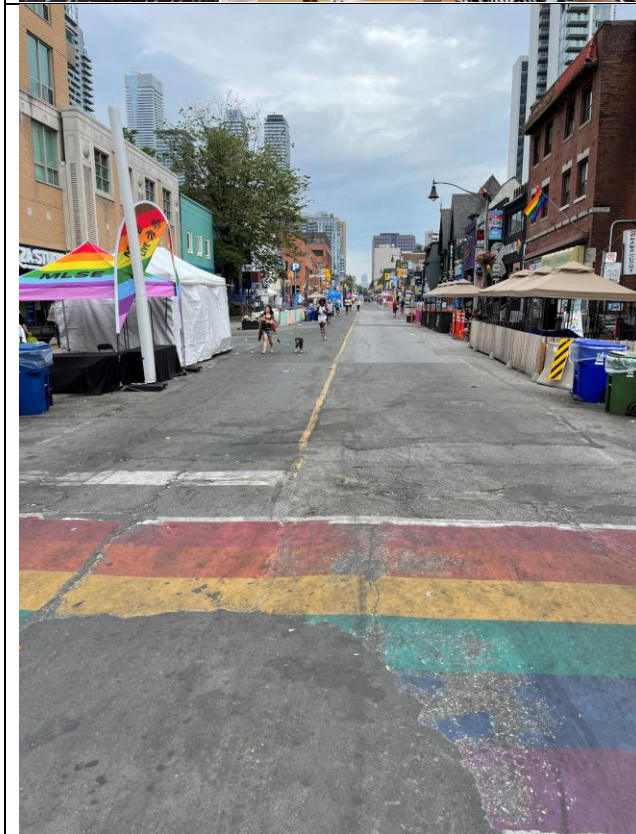
25 – 31 July
5 - 7 August
15 – 18 September
Saturday, 22 October

EAA AirVenture – Oshkosh WI
Abbotsford Airshow, Abbotsford BC
NGPA Cape Cod Classic – Provincetown MA
Northern Lights Award Gala - Sheraton Parkway North,
Toronto ON



2022 YYZ Pride

On Friday June 24th after a three-year hiatus, CAP and the NGPA hosted the pre-Pride social in Toronto at Fran's Upper Deck. Sofonda Cox came and performed her numbers for the happy crowd. We had a great turn out with representatives from most of the airlines along with some spouses and supporters. But a huge shout out to Eric at Air Canada for their support and great swag! Thank you!





Our thanks to our volunteers including Bo, Jayson, Shayne, Jonathan and Steve for unloading and setting up the booth on Friday, as well as staffing the booth over the course of the week end. It had been three years since our last Pride, and we were delighted to see diversity in evidence with such a colourful array of people from Aviation visit the booth. We had a good location and it was the busiest Pride we have ever seen. The weather was good but even when it suddenly rained in the late afternoon, we became a little haven for some wet party goers.

We had many of our signature necklaces for sale, and our Co-Chair Peter has now learned how to string all the different flags: pride, trans, bi, lesbian, pan, non-binary, and Demi (he had to Google that one!). It was a little exhausting but there was a really good DJ just down the block so no-one needed to watch the clock. It was great to have the support of the volunteers - without them we couldn't have hosted a booth.

Thank you!

A big shout out also to George, who faced the hideous Friday afternoon traffic to cart out all the CAP booth supplies that are stored at his place and then come back Sunday evening and haul it back home again.

We look forward to Vancouver and Montréal Pride later this year.



Transgender Inclusion Initiative

Part of Canadian Aviation Pride's mission is promoting diversity and inclusion within the aviation field and the world at large. As such, we would like to bring your attention to our latest initiative to assist our Transgender members' inclusion in aviation. All Transport Canada pilot licences only allow for two genders: 'F' or 'M.'

Canadian Aviation Pride would like to support the use of gender 'X' in licencing to match the currently available standard on the Canadian Passport and within the ICAO licencing standard. To accomplish this goal, we need your help!

The attached letter is an example to send to your local Member of Parliament and share within your company if it has a Government Affairs Departments. Please feel free to adjust the letter to your needs. The more vocal we can be with our support, the more likely we can promote positive change.

Link to Transport Canada: [Licence application procedure and blank forms](#)

Link to Government of Canada: [Canadian Passport Application form](#)

All Licence application forms:


- [Application for a Glider Pilot Licence](#) (PDF, 1.1 MB)
- [Application for a Balloon Pilot Licence](#) (PDF, 1.1 MB)
- [Application for a Private Pilot Licence – Aeroplane](#) (PDF, 1.1 MB)
- [Application for a Private Pilot Licence – Helicopter](#) (PDF, 1.1 MB)
- [Application for Commercial Pilot Licence – Aeroplane](#) (PDF, 733 KB)
- [Application for Commercial Pilot Licence – Helicopter](#) (PDF, 808 KB)
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- [Application for an Airline Transport Pilot Licence – Helicopter](#) (PDF, 1.1 MB)
- [Application for a Flight Engineer Licence](#) (PDF, 768 KB)

Dear (MP name):

As we come to the end of Pride Month, I would like to take a moment to direct your attention to the out-of-date licence application forms available to Canadian pilots.

Transport Canada documents and applications, unlike Passport Canada, do not avail Canadians of the ability to select "X" – an alternate gender.


Here, for example, is the relevant part of Transport Canada's application form for a Private Pilot Licence:

 Transport Canada Transports Canada

APPLICATION FOR PRIVATE PILOT LICENCE – AEROPLANE

PART A – PERSONAL INFORMATION			
Surname		Given Name(s)	
Pilot File Number 5802–	Citizenship	Gender <input type="radio"/> M <input type="radio"/> F	Date of Birth (yyyy-mm-dd)
Address			

By contrast, here is the equivalent portion of the Canadian passport application form:

 Government of Canada Gouvernement du Canada

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ADULT GENERAL PASSPORT APPLICATION
for Canadians 16 years of age or over applying in Canada or the USA

Warning: Any false or misleading statement with respect to this application and any supporting document, including the concealment of any material fact, may result in the refusal to issue a passport, the revocation of a currently valid passport, and/or the imposition of a period of refusal of passport services, and may be grounds for criminal prosecution as per subsection 57 (2) of the Criminal Code (R.C.S. 1985, C-46).

Type or print in CAPITAL LETTERS using black or dark blue ink. [Read Instructions](#)

1 PERSONAL INFORMATION (SEE INSTRUCTIONS, SECTION I)

Surname (last name) requested to appear in the passport

Given name(s) requested to appear in the passport

All former surnames (including surname at birth if different from above. These will not appear in the passport.)

Mother's surname at birth

Place of birth

City Country Prov./Terr./State (if applicable)

Date of birth (YYYY-MM-DD) Sex ☐ F Female ☐ M Male ☐ X Another gender Natural eye colour Height (cm or in)

Anticipated date of travel
It is recommended that you do not finalize travel plans until you receive the requested passport.
Month Day ☐ Unknown

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As a member of Canadian Aviation Pride, an LGBTQ+ advocacy group, I would appreciate any visibility of this issue you can bring to the Minister of Transport.

Regards,

First & Last Name
Canadian Aviation Pride Member
<https://www.aviationpride.ca/>



2022 Mel and Tom's Canada Day Party - Vancouver



It's almost time for our biennial Canadian Aviation Pride party on Canada Day at 1930 at Mel & Tom's condo in Coal Harbour, Vancouver.

We'll be able to view the Canada Day Fireworks extravaganza from their balconies (<https://www.canadaplace.ca/events/canada-day/fireworks/>). This pyrotechnic show starts at 2230. We'd love to have you attend. There will be food and desserts (courtesy of Leslie & Andrew & MORE Cafe & Bakeshop in Gibsons, BC, <http://www.morebakeshop.org/>). Mixers will be provided, but BYOB.

WHEN

July 01, 2022 at 7:30pm - 11pm

WHERE

Mel and Tom's
1710 Bayshore Dr, suite 1902
Vancouver, BC

CONTACT

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2022 CAP Pride Weekend Social - Vancouver



This year, with restrictions lifting, CAP is hosting a BBQ at Sunset Beach in Vancouver.

Look for the CAP banner flag on the Soccer field by the concession stand at Sunset Beach. We'll bring out the BBQ, some burgers, smokies, some veggie options and some soft drinks. You are welcome bring something for the grill.

Please bring a chair or blanket and your favourite beverage 🤗 BYO

PLEASE let us know if you are coming so we can supply an appropriate amount of food and drinks. 50 people max. If it looks like Rain, we'll postpone the event.

WHEN

July 29, 2022 at 5:00pm - 8pm

WHERE

Sunset Beach
1204 Beach Ave
Vancouver, BC

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2022 CAP Pride Booth - Montréal



Come find us at the Montréal community party at Fierté on St. Catherine's. Our booth will be on St. Catherine's E. between Rue de la Visitation St. and Rue Panet St. if you are free, come help out at the booth! Special gifts for volunteers!

Looking for volunteers

Friday 10am to 2pm

Friday 2pm to 6pm

Saturday 10am to 2pm

Saturday 2pm to 6pm

Please sign up for shifts and get some free swag!

WHEN

Friday, August 5th, 2022, 10am to 6pm.

Saturday, August 6th, 2022 10am to 6pm

WHERE

Booth on the street

1336 St Catherine St E

Montreal, QC

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2022 CAP West Coast Fly-in



Arrive and park your plane before 1pm (2000Z) CYAZ, 1pm Walk to beach 4pm or Late afternoon, return to airport and fly back to respective airfields.

Please pack your own lunch and drinks. We can coordinate food on Facebook event page. Bring sunscreen, beach blanket, water, sunglasses, camera, earplugs for Passengers without headsets. Towel if you plan to go into the water.

If you have a plane and have seats available, please post on the facebook events page and provide details, airport, time of departure, etc. If you are looking for a ride, please connect on the Facebook Event page.

Passengers are encouraged to help support the pilot with food, drinks, gas money and/or love.

WHEN

Sunday August 14th, 2022

WHERE

Fly in to CYAZ, Tofino-Long Beach Airport

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Zoom Social

Coming up this Friday 1st July at 5:00 pm PST, 8:00 pm EST is our next social of 2022. It's a chance to connect and reconnected with other LGBTQ+ Canadian Aviators, allies and enthusiasts from you home, work or on the road. Share all the news and rumours in the industry!



We challenge you to use a virtual background with a Canadian Aviation Theme. Occasional prizes and gifts for participants.

Please the Join Zoom Meeting by clicking the link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84449880517...>

Meeting ID: 844 4988 0517

Passcode: 1867





Canadian Aviation Pride Merchandise



We're online!

You can now show your Pride with these great items and support Canadian Aviation Pride! Using the Fulfilment by Amazon you don't have to wait until Pride any more to get some swag.



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On Line



En ligne

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Canadian Aviation Pride's Web Page contains information about our organization, our objectives and who we are. Check it out, including our Resources and Newsletter pages!

<http://www.aviationpride.ca>

La page Web de Canadian Aviation Pride contient de l'information sur notre organisation, nos objectifs et qui nous sommes. Découvrez-le, y compris nos pages des ressources et des bulletins!

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Member Profile



Profil d'un member

Would you like to be featured in our Monthly Member Profile? Everyone is welcome to submit their profile, whether you're a long time member or are new to Canadian Aviation Pride. You can answer as many or as few of the questions as you feel comfortable with, and use of your last name and employer are optional. If you'd like to share your story, [CLICK HERE](#)

Souhaitez-vous figurer dans notre profil de membre mensuel? Tout le monde est invité à soumettre son profil, que vous soyez un membre de longue date ou un nouveau membre de Canadian Aviation Pride. Vous pouvez répondre à autant de questions que vous le souhaitez, ou en utiliser le moins possible, et l'utilisation de votre nom de famille et de votre employeur est facultative. Si vous souhaitez partager votre histoire, [CLIQUEZ ICI](#)



In Closing



En clôture

Thanks for taking the time to read our newsletter. As we get closer to each event, we will send out further details and a reminder.

If you would like to volunteer or help lead an event, or if you have ideas you would like us to consider, please don't hesitate to let us know. Email us at info@aviationpride.ca.

Blue skies and tail winds!

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Merci d'avoir pris le temps de lire notre bulletin. Plus proche de chaque événement, nous enverrons d'autres détails et un rappel.

Si vous voulez être un bénévole, ou aider à diriger un événement, ou si vous avez des idées à nous soumettre, n'hésitez pas à nous le faire savoir. Envoyez-nous un courriel à info@aviationpride.ca.

Ciel bleu et vent arrière!



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