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Canadian Aviation Pride
Fierté en aviation canadienne



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

Welcome Aboard



Bienvenue à bord



Hola Amigos, I hope everyone is doing well and winter disruptions from the January flying madness didn't affect you too badly.

We just had our January meeting with the Board of Directors and are planning a full year of events.

The scholarship committee is working to bring out some scholarships or bursary for the community. We want to make sure we set up the infrastructure right and continue to have them every year. Stay tuned.

Pride events are planned for Vancouver, Toronto and Montreal.

We want to add Calgary and Ottawa this year but we need a couple of people in each city to host these events. CAP will provide the support to help make it happen. If you would like to spend a little time in the community, please let us know at chair@aviationpride.ca

CAP continues to support other organisations that promote Diversity and inclusion such as Elevate Aviation and the Girls Can Fly events. WWFC will be hosting their event this spring and plan to be at the Waterloo Wellington Flight Centre May 13. If you know any girls interested in aviation, let them know to go.

Airlines continue to hire engineers, flight attendants, pilots and more for the foreseeable future and we hope you can help make sure that aviation is a welcoming industry without barriers to the LGBTQ+ community.

Happy landings,

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A CAP member wrote to us recently, very concerned about an [early-January talk at McGill University](#) about a rationale for separation of LGB from TQ in our community. The talk was rapidly cancelled, but since another member had spoken about the same issue a few months ago, we felt it worthwhile saying something about how we in CAP view this discussion.

CAP strongly supports Diversity, Equity and Inclusion, and [our resource page](#) on our website contains several articles which we have written on the subject. The reality is that the LGBTQ+ community is a very diverse one, and our diversity has long been one of our great strengths. Each letter in the acronym has its own unique needs and challenges, and all of us together seek to reduce the discrimination and hatred which we have seen and experienced over the years.

We seek inclusion within our society, so it would be extraordinary if we did not practise inclusion within our LGBTQ+ community, and celebrate our diversity. Splitting it into separate groups based on the fact that we are all different seems to be giving way to a tribalism, rather than a ready acceptance of our differences and the ways in which we can support and help each other in our

determination to end discrimination, and instead actively be seen as a valued part of our greater society.

We at CAP believe that the LGBTQ+ community is far healthier and more robust when we stick together and help each other, and take pride in doing so.

On a lighter note, since December 2019, for this column I have been using a mug-shot taken in front of the Spitfire XIV belonging to the collection of the Palm Springs Air Museum. Near the beginning of January this year, the museum did, not an open house, but an open cockpit, and they selected the Spitfire for people to climb in and, for a small donation, have their photo taken, 'hero shot' style. The above is my take on 'flying the Spitfire'. Getting in and out is a bit of an art, perhaps because I am no longer in my twenties!

The cover photo this month is a superb shot of Canada's largest city, Toronto, taken on 5th December 2004 by CAP member and former Director, George Patton. Our sincere thanks to him for submitting this to us.

Best wishes,

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Flight Plan 2023



Plan de vol 2023

Vancouver

Monday 1 July
Sunday 6 August
December

Canada Day fireworks party
CAP Vancouver Pride Booth
Year end party

Toronto

13 May
23 – 25 June
Friday 23 June
December

Girls Can Fly - Waterloo Wellington Flight Centre
CAP Toronto Pride Booth
Pre-Pride pub night
Year end party

Montréal

Friday 11 August
Saturday 12 August
December

Fierté Take-off at Sky Lounge
CAP Montréal Pride Booth
Year end party

External Organizations Organisations externes

9 – 12 February, 2023
24 – 30 July
11 – 13 August
21 October

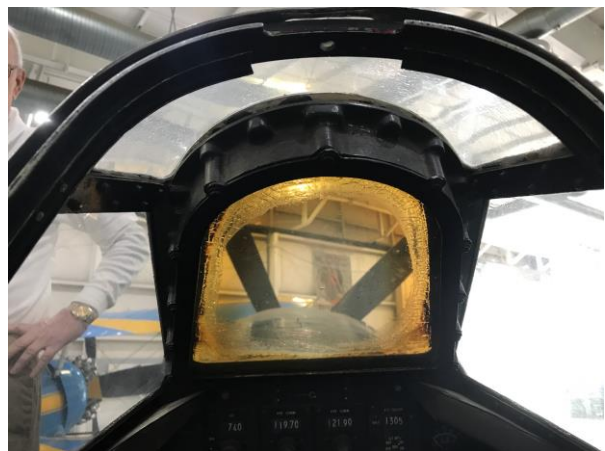
NGPA Winter Warm-up, Palm Springs CA
EAA AirVenture – Oshkosh WI
Abbotsford Airshow
Northern Lights Award Gala, Pearson Convention Centre, Brampton



A couple of 'interior' photos of the Supermarine Spitfire XIV belonging to the Palm Springs Air Museum.



Instrument Panel



The 'Stick'

View through the windshield

While we're at the Air Museum, here are a few nostalgic shots of their ramp operations on a January Saturday. All these aircraft are used to give "rides" for costs ranging from \$125 to \$5,000 for half an hour.



Lockheed T-33 firing up with Mt. San Geronio in the background (11,500')



Boeing Stearman arriving after a famil flight



Douglas C-47 behind a Beech T-34 Mentor



Stearman framed by the C-47 and a P-51 Mustang

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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!

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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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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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