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

### **Welcome Aboard**



# Bienvenue à bord



Welcome aboard Aviators. May is upon upon us and we can put away the deicing fluid and put on the Ray Bans and bug spray.

The Board and volunteers have been meeting and planning the year. We need a couple of more people to help out at the Waterloo Wellington Flight Centre for the Girls can fly event.

Canadian Aviation Pride isn't just for gay pilots We are advocating for a more diverse and inclusive industry. Aviation is dominated by men and there are many barriers which women, trans, black and indigenous people face. We

hope to encourage everyone who has the passion to pursue a career in aviation.

Lots going on in the industry. Flight Attendants are trying to improve working conditions and are on a communication blitz. Westjet pilots are work trying to get a better contract. Westjet is finalising the deal to buy Sunwing. Air Canada pilots are in talks to switch to ALPA representation.

South of the border, rights are being violated with regressive laws discriminating against Transgender people. We support those who fight for a more just and equal society. to do our part and with your support and ally-ship, we can make sure these negative policies don't creep Canada.

We hope you'll make sure to bid off and make it out to the Toronto, Vancouver and Montréal pride booths and socials coming up this summer. Watch for updates on social media and the website.

Fly safe,

Peter Litherland Co-Chair Canadian Aviation Pride peter.litherland@aviationpride.ca

### From the Editor



### De l'éditeur



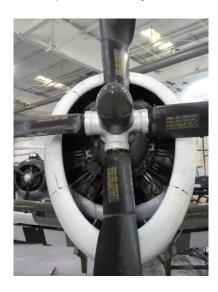
A few days ago CAP received two (heavy) boxes containing coloured beads and ball chain, the stuff we make our famous necklaces out of. That will keep us busy for a long time making these items for our booth sales and our online Amazon store.



A couple of days ago, my partner and I did our last visit to the local air museum before heading home again. This time we got our hero shots in a Republic P47 Thunderbolt, which has one of the largest radial engines (R2800) mounted on a single-engined aircraft.

This makes 5 'hero shots' we have accumulated as we enjoyed sitting in the various cockpits.

We are looking forward to visiting several air museums in western Canada later this summer, and will of course share some photos with you.



This month's cover was taken by our Co-Chair Peter at Dorval airport in Montréal. It was taken on 26 April this year and shows a Porter Airlines Dash 8 DHC-8-402 registration C-GLQV. Thanks Peter, and thanks to Porter, one of our airline partners!

Best wishes,

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## **Aviation Cartoon**





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# Flight Plan 2023



## Plan de vol 2023

#### Vancouver

Monday 1 July Sunday 6 August December

#### **Toronto**

Saturday 13 May 23 – 25 June Friday 23 June December

#### Montréal

Friday 11 August Saturday 12 August December

#### External Organizations Organisations externes

24 – 30 July 11 – 13 August 21 October Canada Day fireworks party CAP Vancouver Pride Booth Year end party

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

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

EAA AirVenture – Oshkosh WI Abbotsford Airshow BC Northern Lights Award Gala, Pearson Convention, Brampton ON

# **Featured event**







#### **Toronto Pride**

Canadian Aviation Pride and the NGPA welcome you to:



2023 - YYZ Pride weekend Launch Party

**Friday June 23, 2022** 

6-8pm

Upper Deck by Fran's 3rd floor - 20 College Street Toronto, ON M5G 1K2

We welcome Aviation LGBTQ+ & allies to our annual gathering. Whether a pilot, flight attendant, engineer, Air-traffic controller.. or an enthusiast, come join us.

Event is free Buy your own food and drinks. Partner and families welcome.

We have some prizes and swag so don't be late!

See you there! Please RSVP so we can plan appropriately. Thanks!

### **Featured event**



# Événement vedette

#### **Zoom Social**

Coming up this Friday 5<sup>th</sup> May at 5:00 pm PST, 8:00 pm EST is our monthly Zoom social. 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!





Each month we may have a theme, so check with Facebook or Instagram to find out the latest. You'll need the zoom app, a browser or you can even call in. otherwise click the link to join.

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



# Merchandise



# **Marchandise**



#### **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.

#### visit our online store at:

https://www.amazon.ca/handmade/Canadian-Aviation-Pride

# **Our Organization**



# **Notre Organization**

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# Web Page - Page Web



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!

### Social Media - Médias sociaux





FB Page



FB Group



<u>Instagram</u>



<u>Twitter</u>

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# Commanditaires et Partenaires

CAP is Canada's own federally incorporated LGBTQ+ Aviation organization, and we appreciate the relationship with each of the following sponsors and partners who support our outreach programs. This allows us to maintain our diversity and inclusion initiatives, promotional programs and encouragement of youth entry into aviation. Please support these progressive companies and organizations.







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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. info@aviationpride.ca.

Blue skies and tail winds!

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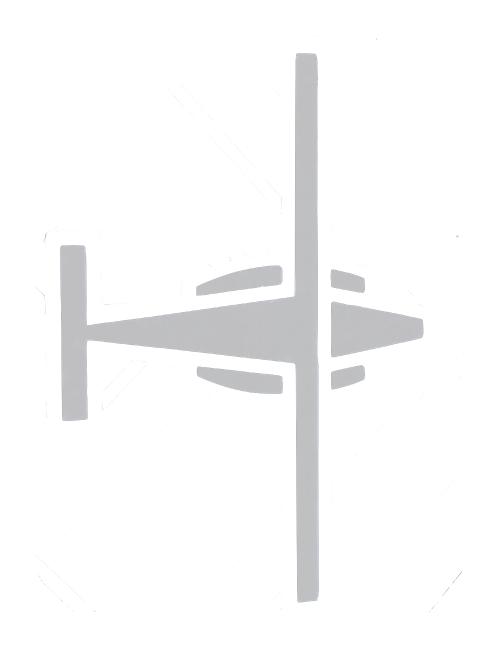
Merci d'avoir pris le temps de lire notre bulletin. Plus proche de chaque événement, nous enverrons d'autres détails et un rappel.

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. info@aviationpride.ca.

Ciel bleu et vent arrière!



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