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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



Happy Pride month Aviators:

Summer has arrived and summer flying us upon us and June is here. It's prime time for Pride across Canada. Canadian Aviation Pride is ready for this year's activities in Toronto this month.

This year we return to Fran's on College for the Pride weekend Launch party Friday June 23rd at 6pm. We'll hold off opening the booth until Saturday morning. Then Saturday and Sunday we'll host the booth and hope to meet future LGBTQ+ aviators and enthusiasts and let them know that they are not alone.

If you are free, come drop by and say hi or better yet, come volunteer. We always need a few more smiling faces and sell some swag.

All the proceeds go to fund CAP and its participation in Pride, being online and

administrative costs, so come on down and get your CAP merchandise. If you can't make it, check out some of the supplies at Threshold Aviation or our Amazon store.

Pride allows so many people to come out and be themselves. What's amazing is there are some people who never had to be in the closet and didn't have some issues that were commonplace in the past.

Unfortunately it is not easy for many and being out at work or home comes with its own challenges. I thought coming out of the closet was a big deal back in the day and for many, it's life-altering.

This is why Canadian Aviation Pride exists, to provide a safe space where people can be themselves and help understand what's happening and to provide support. Also, if you work for an established employer, they often have Employee Assistance Programs that offer help with a crisis or just don't know where to turn.

If you or anyone you know is going through any kind of crisis, please seek out help. I know as an aviator, we often worry about what it means to ask for help but it's more important that you do.

It's time to put on your rainbow wings and party.

Happy Pride!

Peter Litherland
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This month we have several new submissions. First is an event review by our Director Jessica describing our booth operation at “Girls Can Fly” at Waterloo airport in Ontario in mid-May.

Next is a feature of our favourite graphic design artists, Basico Studio, whose colourful posters with CAP's logo we have been featuring over the past few months. On this and the next few pages are some of their recent creations.

We then have an article in support of Hope Air, a charity providing transportation to those in need of health care in remote areas.

Turning to the world of helicopters, our cover photo this month was taken fifteen years ago on 26th June 2008 during an inspection trip across southern BC. It shows a Transport Canada Bell 407 on the ramp in Castlegar BC.

Best wishes and Happy Pride everyone,

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by [Kelly Kincaid](#)

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GIRLS CAN FLY 2023

As part of CAP's goals to promote diversity in aviation, we attended Girls Can Fly 2023 at Waterloo airport on Saturday, May 13th.

Girls Can Fly is a yearly educational event that promotes women in aviation and offers free flights for girls aged 8 to 18 years. The event also features exhibitors from the industry who provide an interactive and engaging experience for attendees of all ages.



Jessica

Olivia

Erica

Our volunteers were present to answer questions and apply temporary tattoos to commemorate the day!



A big thanks to Olivia, Erica and Jessica, our volunteers, for this event. We had a wonderful time and cannot wait to attend the next one!

For more information about the event, you can check out **Waterloo Wellington Flight Centre** at <https://wwfc.ca/girlscanfly/>

Above - During training in Toronto, Peter had a chance to catch up with Olivia in Waterloo along with fellow Aviators from the Waterloo Wellington Flight Centre.



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.

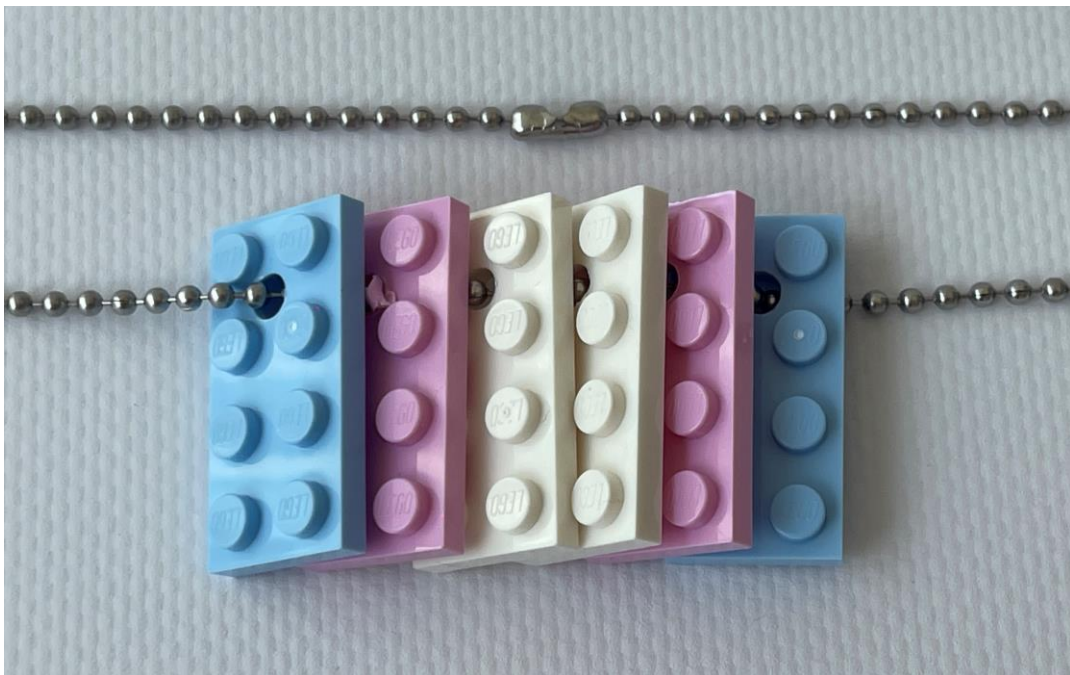
We have some prizes and swag so don't be late!

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





After a couple of heavy packages with new beads and ball chain arrived, our Co-Chair Peter has been producing a good selection of our famed necklaces – watch for them at our Pride booths.





Vancouver

Saturday 1 July
Sunday 6 August
December

Canada Day fireworks party
CAP Vancouver Pride Booth
Year end party

Toronto

23 – 25 June
Friday 23 June
December

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

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24 – 30 July
11 – 13 August
21 October

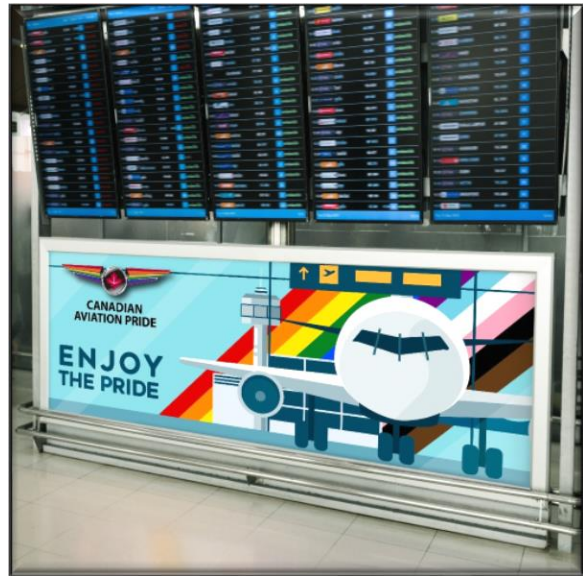
EAA AirVenture – Oshkosh WI
Abbotsford Airshow BC
Northern Lights Award Gala, Pearson Convention, Brampton ON





Zoom Social

Coming up this Friday 2nd June 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





Hope Air – Steve Drinkwater

Editor's Note: Steve is a CAP member and was part of our fly-in last year to Qualicum, and also attended our Vancouver year-end party in 2022. We are pleased to feature and support this fund-raising effort for Hope Air, a charity which provides travel arrangements for those from remote areas who are in need of health care.



Now in our 6th year, I will be embarking on an 8-day expedition departing Pitt Meadows airport on the morning of June 10, leading a group of pilots to Northern British Columbia, plus Watson Lake, Yukon and Grande Prairie, Alberta before returning through Central and Southern B.C.

This is to raise funds for, and awareness of, Hope Air, the national charity that raises funds to

provide travel arrangements for those in need of health care in distant locations but face financial challenges.

So far, "Give Hope Wings" has raised over \$1.8 million for Hope Air. Please have a look at Hope Air's [2022 Impact Report](#) to learn more about the impact you can make through your donation. There, you can view a short, 2-minute video about how you can help change the lives of people like Atticus and his family.

I know that many of us are living in financially challenging times, but I hope you can find a place in your heart, and dollars in your budget, to donate to Hope Air.

Follow this link to donate – a tax receipt will be issued immediately:
<https://support.hopeair.ca/give-hope-wings/steve-drinkwater>





You have been seeing over the past few months some very colourful graphics featuring the CAP logo. They are designed by our talented team of graphic artists in Puerto Vallarta, Mexico - **BASICOSTUDIO**

We are proud of their superb work for us, which they send to our Co-Chair Peter, and we thank them for their excellent creations, and we also thank Peter for organizing these inspiring ideas.

Here is their story:



Discover Basico Studio, your go-to destination for functional graphic design solutions. Nestled in Puerto Vallarta, our talented team—Elizabeth, Diego, and Daniela—brings together creativity and expertise to create designs that not only captivate but also serve



a purpose. Whether you need a stunning logo, a visually appealing website, or engaging print materials, Basico Studio has you covered. With a keen eye for detail and a passion for delivering results, we turn your ideas into impactful visuals that make a lasting impression. Experience the power of functional design with Basico Studio, your trusted partner in bringing your vision to life.

Saludos!



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Marchandise



Canadian Aviation Pride Merchandise



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On Line



En ligne

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!

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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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