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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



Ahoy fellow aviators. August is upon us and Pride season is in full swing with the long warm summer days. Almost too warm and as those of you working on fire suppression know all too well, it's been a bad fire season. Thank you for doing what you do - it's a dangerous job as I was reminded recently.

I'm currently based in Prague on this year's deployment in Europe and had a recent trip down to Rodos, Greece. Some wild fires were getting out of control on parts on the Island and I had a flight to pull some tourists off the Island. All the gates and parking stands were full and there was a queue for parking planes. While I was there, there were two CL-415 water bombers getting ready to launch. Canada has made a great contribution with these purpose built planes. I feel there are going to be in more demand than ever in the future. Unfortunately on the news the next day there was news of another aircraft dousing a fire, the wingtip

caught a tree and crashed. My condolences go out to them and their loved ones.

My tour will be coming to an end shortly and I will swing through Montréal on the way to Vancouver. I'll be there in time for Fierté and CAP's booth at the community street fair.

But first, coming up this weekend in Vancouver will be the Pride launch party and our booth at the Pride festival. We have a number of volunteers but would love to have a few more, so if you have time in Vancouver or Montreal, please come join us. We have some swag for you too. This year, Vancouver Pride's festival is now two days.

I also want to announce CAP's first official event in Calgary and Winnipeg in September. I want to thank Patrick and Tara for stepping up. Events are listed on the website and facebook.

In case you can't come and join us in person, we also have our monthly First Friday of the Month zoom. Just RSVP to get the link.

I wish to Thank Nav Canada for their generous financial donation. All donations go to the operation of CAP. We also have some private donors who make monthly contributions and I thank them too. CAP is working hard to make sure the our industry and community is not just free of discrimination but makes the world a better more inclusive space, where everyone can pursue their dreams in aviation, no matter who they are.

Smooth flying,

Peter Litherland
Co-Chair
Canadian Aviation Pride
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In late June Toronto held its Pride celebration and we feature a summary of it from one of our Directors, Jess, along with some choice photos of the social event.

It's now Pride celebration time in more places across the country, and in addition to Montréal and Vancouver, for the first time we are delighted to announce CAP's first Pride socials in Winnipeg and Calgary. Welcome on board to the Prairies, and we hope you enjoy the event. We have all four socials featured in this newsletter.

We are also pleased to bring you this month another member profile, from Tara in southeast Manitoba. We have two others waiting in the wings which we will print in the upcoming newsletters. Remember that a profile always looks great when you send us your photo, which you can do by sending it to info@aviationpride.ca.

It's been six years since we used a similar photo on the cover – taken on 2 July 2017 beside the south arm of the Fraser River in Richmond BC. That time it was a DH Beaver taxiing out.



This time it's a Cessna Caravan doing the same thing. Talk about an idyllic setting to see aircraft immediately beside a major international airport!

Best wishes,

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Aviation Cartoon



Caricature en aviation



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Flight Plan 2023



Plan de vol 2023

Vancouver

Friday 4 August
5 - 6 August
Friday 1 December

Pride Social at Mango's Kitchen Bar
CAP Vancouver Pride Booth
Year end party - TBA

Calgary

Friday 1 September

Pride Social at Palomino Steakhouse

Winnipeg

Saturday 9 September

Pride Social at Across the Board Game Cafe

Toronto

Friday 24 November

Year end party – The Pilot

Montréal

Saturday 12 August
11 - 12 August
Saturday 25 November

Soirée Fierté - Bar Renard 1272 Ste-Catherine Est
CAP Montréal Pride Booth
Year end party - TBA

External Organizations Organisations externes

11 – 13 August
21 October

Abbotsford Airshow BC
Northern Lights Award Gala, Pearson Convention, Brampton ON



2023 Toronto Pride

On Friday, June 23rd, Canadian Aviation Pride kicked off Pride weekend with a party in Toronto at Fran's Upper Deck. This year, we co-hosted the party with the NGPA and saw Air Canada sending their Diversity and Equity Team to meet us and support the event. We had a fantastic turnout with representation from all over the industry, from airlines to flight schools. Thank you, Avin and Olivia, for hosting!



We didn't finish there; CAP also hosted a booth at the Toronto Pride Street Fair this year on Saturday and Sunday. The weather held, and we raised a little over \$2000 to help support our events by selling pride necklaces.

We cannot thank our volunteers enough, including Olivia, Erica, Fadi, Johnathan, Tiffany, Keenan, Matt, Marko, Romain, Adrian and Jessica. Running the booth isn't possible without your assistance! Special kudos to Olivia for coordinating our location and gear! And to Peter for stringing hundreds of necklaces for us.

We look forward to Vancouver and Montréal Pride later this year. Happy Pride, everyone!

Featured event



Événement vedette

August 2023 Pride Events

BOOTH / KIOSQUE:

Vendredi le 11 à Samedi le 12 Août 2023

10:00 à 18:00

1004 Rue Ste-Catherine Est

BOOTH:

Saturday 5th – Sunday 6th August 2023

10:00 am - 6:00 pm

Concord Pacific Place

Friday 11th – Saturday 12th August 2023

10:00 am - 6:00 pm

1004 St. Catherines East



SOCIAL:

Friday 4th August 2023

6:00 – 9:00 pm

Mangos Kitchen Bar - patio
1180 Howe Street, Vancouver

SOCIAL / SOIREE:

Samedi le 12 Août 2023

19:00 à 21:00

Bar Renard 1272 Ste-Catherine Est

Saturday 12th August 2023

7:00 – 9:00 pm

Bar Renard 1272 St Catherine's Est



September 2023 Pride Events

Canadian Aviation Pride welcomes all LGBTQ+ aviators, allies and enthusiasts. Whether you are a pilot, flight attendant, engineer, air traffic controller or the partner of one, you are welcome here in this safe space to meet other like minded people in the Canadian Aviation industry, this also includes General Aviation pilots and military too.

Canadian Aviation Pride is making it's debut at Calgary Pride

Canadian Aviation Pride Winnipeg welcomes you to our first official gathering



SOCIAL:

Friday, 1st September
6:00 pm
[THE PALOMINO Steakhouse and Social Club](#)
109 7 Ave SW,
Calgary, AB
This event is free. BYOB and meals.
Snacks will be provided.

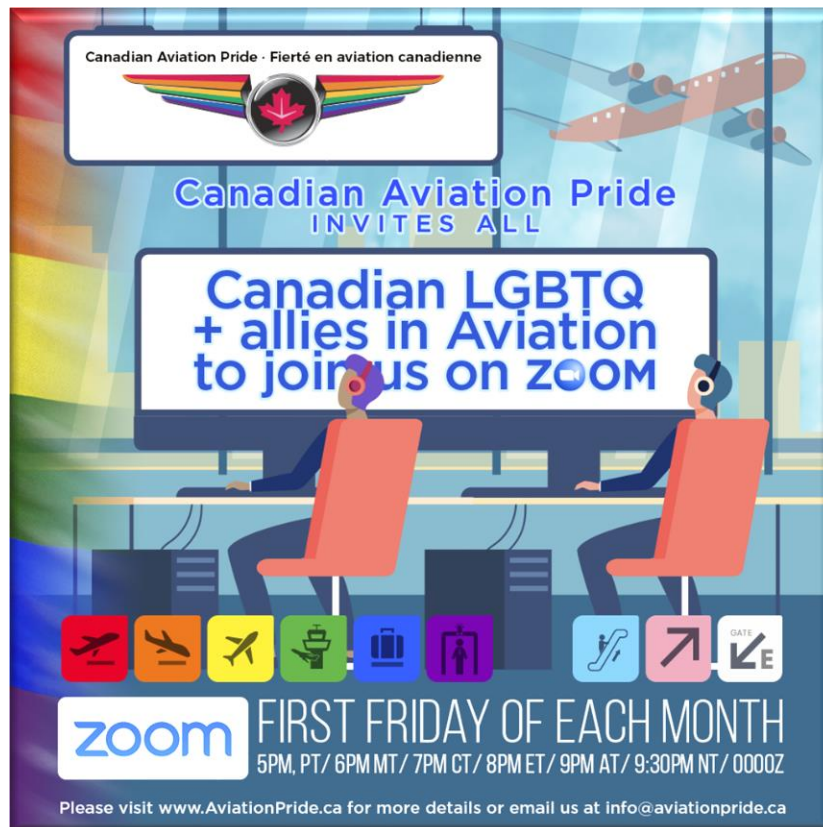
SOCIAL:

Saturday 9th September
6:00 pm
Across the Board Game Café
[211 Bannatyne Ave.](#)
Winnipeg MB
This event is free. BYOB and meals.
Snacks will be provided.



Zoom Social

Coming up this Friday 4th August 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...>

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Member Profile

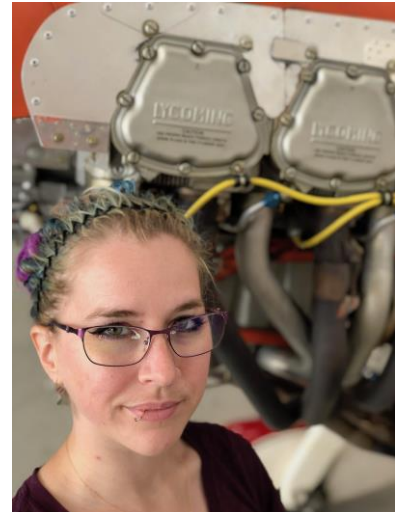


Profil d'un member

Name Tara Meikle
Age 29
Relationship Status Married
Residence Location Zhoda, Manitoba, Canada
Employment Employed, Part-Time

What is your affiliation with aviation?

Current aviation enthusiast; Former AME Apprentice, Former Pilot



Why did you get involved in aviation? Tell us about how it's a part of your life now.

I began my aviation journey when I was 14 years old, having joined the local Air Cadet squadron and getting absolutely sucked right in. I was offered opportunities that I would never have thought possible, and made connections that propelled me deeper into the world of aviation. I was able to foster relationships that encouraged me to go further, including having met my future husband as well as two local Harvard pilots who were all too happy to take young people up to experience the joys of the air. After an aerobatic flight in such a historic aircraft, I knew I had to get my own pilot license.

The quest for my own wings took me to Manitoba, where I went as far as obtaining my Commercial Pilot License before realizing that I also really appreciate learning about the fine details of the inner workings of the machines I was flying. I spent some time respectfully asking the flight school engineers as many questions as I could. It helped very much that my husband, who is also incredibly passionate about aviation, took a very similar path and by this point was already in the shop and available to ask questions to in his off time.

I made the decision to pursue an apprenticeship in Aircraft Maintenance, a journey which took me all the way to Yellowknife! Unfortunately, my health took a turn for the worse and I needed to step away to focus on my well-being before I could complete my apprenticeship, but I continued and do currently continue to be involved in the Av world where I can.

Back up on my feet and feeling physically ready to take on the world, I co-own and am co-building an RV-8 kit project, advocate for better treatment of LGBTQ2S+ in the local general aviation community, and am focussed on working with Transport Canada to see if re-issuing my aviation medical is a possibility. The future is bright, and I want to be a part of it!

How did you find out about or first get involved with CAP? What have you enjoyed most about your involvement?

I first learned about CAP after attending my first ever Pride Parade in Winnipeg. I was surrounded by queer joy, and so excited to see all these local groups representing different industries, but I didn't really see any representing aviation. So I did some research, found out that CAP is a relatively new organization, and reached out to ask what we could do to start to see representation in Manitoba.

Tell us about the best trip you've ever taken or your favourite destination to jet off to.

My favourite place that I've ever visited was the Philippines.

If you are an airplane owner, tell us about it. What type? Where have you flown to? What makes your plane special to you?

I used to co-own a 1947 Cessna 140! This plane was so special to my husband and I because it was our very first large purchase together. We took up so many people, and though we didn't fly it as often as we could have, we flew across the prairies many times and learned many valuable lessons about aircraft ownership we could take forward with us. Now, we are building a Vans RV-8 via the "slow-build" kit. This will be much faster for flying across the prairie provinces, and even allow for some aerobatics.



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 his remarks at the head of this newsletter, our Co-Chair Peter noted:

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Here are some of his photographs:



Peter’s Sunwing aircraft



Canadian CL-215 water bombers



The large numbers of parked aircraft to evacuate tourists.



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En ligne

Web Page - Page Web



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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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