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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"



Greetings Fellow aviators,

Summer is nearly over and it's been a busy summer Pride season with events across Canada and still a few more to go.

August 4-6th Vancouver had its Pride Festival as well as our annual Party. We had a new location at Mango's this year where we had lots of room to mingle with a good turn out. Thank you René and volunteers for making it all happen.

While I unfortunately missed out on the Toronto and Vancouver events, I was able to stop on my way back to Vancouver and help with the booth at the Montréal Fierté Community Day.

This year was the biggest ever with so many participants and visitors coming out. On Friday and Saturday the streets were packed with more tables than ever before. Unfortunately we could only have the table for one day on Friday August 11th. We had some great engagement and were able to introduce ourselves to the LGBTQ+ community and raise awareness. We were able to raise a few hundred dollars, all of which goes to CAP and its administration.

Thanks to Eric and his Partner Julien for all your hard work and the other volunteers who made it possible.

We had a decent turnout for the Social at Bar Renard on St. Catherine's Street. Great to see more engagement with the community.

Tonight, September 1st will be Calgary's Inaugural event at 6pm at The Palomino Steakhouse and Social Club. opening up for the Calgary Pride week end. If the jumpseat works, I'll be there to join Patrick and the crew.

Tara and Bryn are hosting CAP's first event in Winnipeg Saturday September 9th at The Hangar with Drag Performers! If you are in town for that, come on out!

These events are a great way for you to meet other like-minded aviation people in your community and they want to meet you too so don't hesitate. We will also be giving away from Free CAP Swag!!! it's BYO drinks and meals, snacks will be provided. Please check out <https://www.aviationpride.ca/calendar> for details.

If you don't get a chance to attend these events, we have our ongoing First Friday of the Month Zoom, link in the RSVP, so September 1st, come join us, details on the website. We also plan to have our year end events again this year, standby for further details.

It's been a busy year and we haven't been able to do our AGM until September, If you are interested in helping out or joining the board please contact us at Chair@aviationpride.ca With your help we can do more to help to engage with the community and help make aviation in Canada a more welcoming and safe space.

If you don't fly straight, your contrails will be rainbows.



Peter Litherland
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This month we are reviewing the Vancouver Pride social and booth, which this year was about a mile away from previous years in a good and secure site at the head of False Creek.

We are also pleased to have another Member Profile, and our thanks to Lucas for submitting it.

We have CAP Pride socials this month happening for the first time in both Calgary and Winnipeg, and we welcome them to our summer celebration events.

We also are featuring Canada's new loonies celebrating Elsie MacGill, Canada's pioneering aeronautical engineer and woman's rights activist.

It is after her that the Elsie McGill Awards in Toronto later this month are named. These awards are sponsored by the [Northern Lights Aero Foundation](#).

As part of our commitment to Inclusion, we also are pleased to observe the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation, happening on 30th September.

The cover photo this month was taken on 29th July 2003 at Oshkosh WI. The aircraft is of course a Ford Trimotor belonging to Grand Canyon Scenic Airways, and I just loved the rainbow flash on the rear fuselage!

Best wishes,

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Aviation Cartoon



Caricature en aviation



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Flight Plan 2023



Plan de vol 2023

Vancouver

Friday 1 December

Year end party - TBA

Calgary

Friday 1 September

Pride Social at Palomino Steakhouse

Winnipeg

Saturday 9 September

Pride Social at the Hangar

Toronto

Friday 24 November

Year end party – The Pilot

Montréal

Saturday 25 November

Year end party - TBA

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21 October

Northern Lights Award Gala, Pearson Convention, Brampton ON

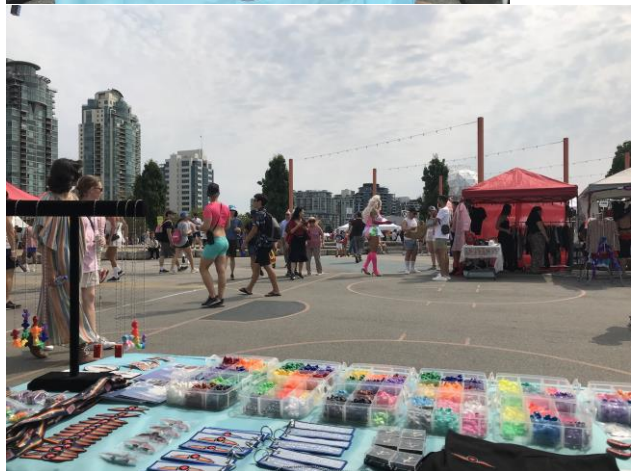


Pride social night and booth - Vancouver

The Vancouver Social Night was held at Mangos Kitchen Bar near Davie Village on Friday 4th August. The get-together helps to make connections between LGBTQ+ aviators and allies, and fosters networking and support within our community.

It was a successful evening with a group of 9 attendees. As usual, CAP provided a range of snacks and swag to attendees. Finger-licking good!





The Vancouver booth event tries to show our commitment to diversity, to raise funds from merchandise sales for our initiatives and to enhance CAP's visibility in the LGBTQ+ community and aviation industry.

As the sole representation of an aviation group amongst the Pride booths, we engaged effectively and had a positive response to our merchandise offerings.



September 2023 Pride Event - Calgary

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



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.

Featured event



Événement vedette

September 2023 Pride Event – Winnipeg

Canadian Aviation Pride Winnipeg welcomes you to our first official gathering



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DRAG - MUSIC - FOOD - DRINKS - CONNECT

SEPTEMBER 9

6PM TILL 8PM



THE HANGAR

Sports Lounge

FREE ENTRY -- 18+

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COME CELEBRATE

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AVIATION'S LBGTQIA & ALLY COMMUNITY

SEPT 9TH

FREE

6PM @ THE HANGAR

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FOOD & DRINKS AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE

EVERYONE WELCOME!! 18+

WITH SPECIAL GUESTS



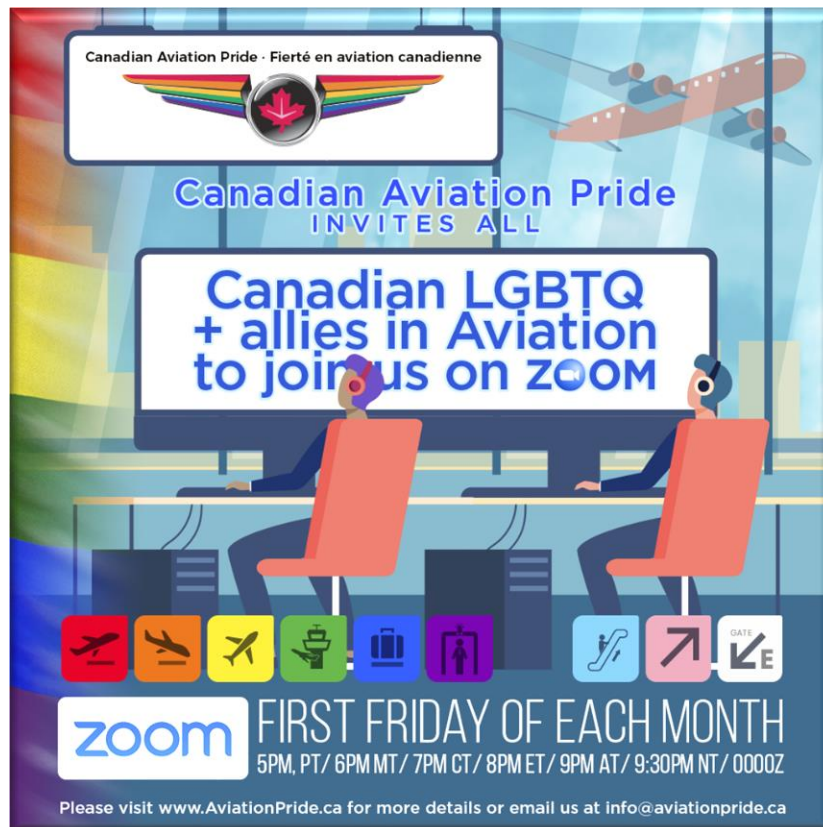
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YOUR HOST



Zoom Social

Coming up this Friday 1st September 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





Pioneering aeronautical engineer and woman's rights activist Elsie MacGill is featured on the newest commemorative loonie, designed by Victoria-based artist Claire Watson.

Vancouver-born Elsie MacGill was the first Canadian woman to graduate with a bachelor's in electrical engineering in 1927, the first woman in North America to graduate with a master's in aeronautical engineering in 1929, and the first Canadian woman to practise as an engineer in 1938. She was pivotal in the production of the Hawker Hurricane in Canada during the Second World War.

In 1929, she contracted polio. Although doctors said that she would never walk again, she regained mobility with the use of two canes and continued her pursuit of a career in aeronautics. She accepted the role of chief engineer at the Canadian Car and Foundry, where she designed the Maple Leaf II biplane.



The [Elsie MacGill Award](#), otherwise known as The Elsie was established in 2009. It is an annual award that honours outstanding women in aviation and aerospace in Canada. The purpose of the award is to celebrate the achievements of women and to motivate and inspire other women to pursue opportunities in these industries.

Through a nomination and judging process, honourees are named each year and recognized at the [Northern Lights Aero Foundation](#) Elsie MacGill Awards Gala. The event highlights the honourees' life history through a combination of visuals, display materials and speakers who have known the recipient throughout her personal and professional life.





Member Profile



Profil d'un member

Name Lucas Bagatini

Age 32

Relationship Status Married

Residence Location Toronto, ON

Employment Back in Brazil I worked mainly as a pilot theoretical instructor and in different administrative management positions.



What is your affiliation with aviation?

Commercial/Airline Pilot

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

Ever since I was born, my parents and I flew twice a year to southern Brazil to visit my grandparents, so I was fascinated with the aviation world from a very young age. And that passion only increased over time. As an example, when I was about 12 years old, I had a friend over at home when my mother called saying she had found a "Flight Simulator 2000" CD (the one with the Concorde on the cover) and asking if she should buy it. I had no idea what a Flight Simulator was, but I obviously said yes and got super excited. After she came home that day, I remember completely ditching my friend, turning on the computer, installing the simulator, and beginning to fly. While I'm not proud of my friendship skills on this particular occasion, I'm really glad she found that CD. It opened the door to a whole new world for me, and to this day I think simulated flight can be incredibly useful to both current and future pilots. Now, I'm looking forward to becoming a part of the aviation industry in Canada, uniting my background in aviation and administrative management to help Canadian airlines and airports become even better.

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

I found CAP while looking for volunteering opportunities in the Canadian aviation industry, and was astonished by the number of activities and initiatives done by its members. From Zoom calls, pride booths, and other in-person events, all the way to partnerships and seminars, the work being done by CAP is extremely important and I hope to help increase its reach even further.

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

My favorite destination is Switzerland. The people are extremely nice and polite, the cities are clean and calm, the transit system is always on time, the views of mountains and lakes are simply amazing, and the chocolates are the best in the world. Need I say more?

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

My favorite aircraft is the Concorde, and one of my dreams is to fly the Concorde simulator at the Brooklands Museum near London, UK (if you haven't heard of it before, go check it out).



This is a Super Puma that CAP member Bryn O'Neill spent her summer helping to repaint in her company's new colors.



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](#)



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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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