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# Silver Dart

Canada's LGBTQ+ Aviation Newsletter  
Le bulletin LGBTQ+ en Aviation du Canada



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**



Greetings from 36000 feet. Just doing what a pilot does and getting work done on the plane. It's been a busy month finishing a brief stint in Cardiff, Wales working a flight there. There I had an opportunity to check out the Bristol Aerospace museum with a Concorde on Display. An impressive machine which I never had a chance to fly in and only ever saw it fly in once into YVR in 1986. I hope you'll find time to see this plane up close in a museum somewhere. This was the pinnacle of 20th century aviation.

Then it was a brief stop in Vancouver before heading to Asia. I had a chance to walk in the Taipei pride parade. It's their second largest since same sex marriage was legalized in 2017. I am happy to report that the LGBTQ+ community is healthy and thriving. I definitely recommend Taipei for any LGBTQ+ travelers. I was happy to walk

along side the Peach Airlines contingent for a bit with their inflatable airplane proudly flying over the marchers. I know we have many LGBTQ+ CAP members from Taiwan.

We are again proud to participate and support the Northern Lights foundation Elsie McGill awards in October where Jessica, Olivia and Doris had a chance to connect with our colleagues. As we put away the lawnmowers and ready the de-icing equipment for winter we get ready for the year-end parties, please watch Facebook or the website for up-to-date details.

If you wish to help CAP and the board, please let us know, we have lots of opportunities for volunteers. Canadian Aviation Pride is 100% volunteer-run and your contributions do make CAP successful in engaging with the community. We thank, and appreciate the support from, the corporate community including: Jazz Aviation, COPA, Northern lights Foundation, NAV Canada, Air Canada and our individual donors.

We are getting closer to bringing out CAP's awards. So if you are a member of the aviation community, please keep an eye out for our financial assistance program for Canadian Aviation studies.

Keep the rubber side down and fly safe,

Peter Litherland  
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We are pleased to have an event review from Jessica on the Elsie MacGill award gala where we were able to sponsor five of our Directors and volunteers to attend. We were delighted to show that level of attendance and support from CAP.

Peter spent some time in England and Wales last month, and has come back with excellent photos of his visit to the Bristol Aerospace Museum where a Concorde is on display. Impressive!

On this month's cover we acknowledge with gratitude our veterans, and their past and present service. The photo is of Canada's great flying ace of World War I, William Avery Bishop, better known to us as Billy Bishop. He is recognized as the top Canadian and British Empire ace of the war, and he also received a Victoria Cross. In the photo, he poses in front of his Nieuport 17 fighter in France.

Best wishes,

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## Aviation Cartoon



## Caricature en aviation



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## Flight Plan 2023



## Plan de vol 2023

### Vancouver

Thursday 30 November

**Year end party** - TBA

### Toronto

Friday 24 November, 6pm

**Year-End Party** – The Pilot, 22 Cumberland St, Toronto, ON,  
Hosted by Avin Shah

Everyone is welcome, including members and their guests; some appetizers and Aviation Pride swag will be provided. Drinks and food are available for purchase.

Saturday, 25 November, 10 am

**Girls in Aviation Day 2023** - Hosted by Porter Airlines

Call for Aviation Pride Volunteers to run our booth! Contact Jessica at [smuckjm@gmail.com](mailto:smuckjm@gmail.com) if you're available to assist!

This event promotes various career paths and recreational pursuits within aviation to girls and young women.

### Montréal

Saturday 25 November

**Year end party** - TBA



## Northern Lights Elsie MacGill Awards Gala

As part of CAP's goals to promote diversity in aviation, we attended the Elsie MacGill Awards Gala at the Pearson Convention Centre in Brampton on Saturday, October 21.

The Northern Lights Foundation's national awards program, The Elsie MacGill Awards ("The Elsie") was established in 2009, and each year honours up to eight women for their contributions in specific aviation and aerospace disciplines. This year's awards went to:

- Business Award – Cathy Press, CEO of Chinook Helicopters
- Education Award – Dr. Joana Rocha, Professor at Carleton University
- Engineering Award – Heather Beaton, Fellow in Bombardier's Aircraft Design & Development engineering organization
- Flight Operations Award – Kristin Long, Captain and Standards Pilot on the B737 at WestJet
- Government Award – Major Catherine Cabot, Aerospace Engineer in the Canadian Armed Forces
- Trailblazer Award – Glenna Sharratt, Flight Operations Consultant
- Rising Star Award – Alisha Sohpaal, Transport Canada Airworthiness Inspector and AME
- Rising Star Award – Yasna Taieb, Manager Jazz Aviation

Erica, Doris, Olivia, Jessica, and Romain attended the networking event before dinner and hosted a display to encourage discussions and new memberships. Thank you to our volunteers for your efforts!







Concorde at Bristol Aerospace Museum, England



Above – our Co-Chair, Peter

Left –Cockpit view



## Zoom Social

Coming up this Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> November 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**  
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**Merchandise**



**Marchandise**



## Canadian Aviation Pride Merchandise



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**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](mailto: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](mailto:info@aviationpride.ca).

Ciel bleu et vent arrière!



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