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Welcome Aboard



Bienvenue à bord



Greetings from Winnipeg!

Happy New Year!!!! Welcome to 2024!

I'm on deployment to YWG this winter. Had a few days off and went to Puerto Vallarta. Unfortunately I broke my ankle coming back through the surf break, so I'm grounded! No left rudder from me for a bit. Just had surgery to secure it and get me back on the road to recovery.

I hope you all have had a great year flying or at least thinking about it. It's been an exciting year with Events in Victoria, Vancouver, Calgary, Winnipeg, Toronto and Montréal.

2024 is bringing a new year and with so much to do, Canadian Aviation Pride is going to hire a part time Executive

Director to help us manage all the different events. So watch out for details in the near future.

Also we have our inaugural awards open for applications. So if you are looking for financial assistance, please check that out.

I want to thank again Adrian, Avin, Doris, Jessica Rene and everyone for helping out at CAP. Your time and energy help make the world a better place for all. THANK YOU!

We are switching up the monthly zoom meetings to Bi-Monthly so the next one will be the first Friday in February.

We are now preparing for the 2024 Pride season so if you are hoping to facilitate something in your city this year, please contact us at chair@aviationpride.ca. Stay tuned as we announce the various events.

If you wish to help out at the board, we are always looking for enthusiastic leaders to contribute.

May 2024 be a happy, healthy and smooth year ahead.

Keep the rubber side down,

Peter Litherland
Co-Chair
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This issue marks the beginning of 2024, and I would first like to wish each of you a happy and joyful year. We all hope that the holidays have been pleasant and that you have come into the new year reasonably intact and looking forward to the year ahead.



My thanks to Peter, Jessica, Tara and Kathy for their contributions to this edition of the newsletter. It is great to have articles and input, so if you have ideas which you would like to submit for future editions, feel free to email them to me for consideration.

We've updated the event list to show those events with known dates, and as more dates are set, we'll add those in for you.

For our Member Profile this month, we have one from my own sister. In September 1977, I was honoured to present Kathy with her Canadian Forces pilot wings in Moose Jaw, Saskatchewan, and for the next five years she was a flight instructor on the Canadair Tutor, the same aircraft that the Snowbirds use. She now is active during CAP's Zoom Social calls.

The mountain view cover photo this New Year was taken on 23rd June 2006 from a Cessna 206 over the Monashee Mountains just west of Slocan Lake in the West Kootenays. Some quite spectacular scenery in that neck of the woods in southern British Columbia.

Best wishes,

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Flight Plan 2024



Plan de vol 2024

Vancouver

Monday 1 July 2024
 Sunday 4 August 2024

Canada Day fireworks party
 CAP Vancouver Pride Booth

Toronto

28 – 30 June 2024

CAP Toronto Pride Booth

Montréal

Saturday 10 August 2024

CAP Montréal Pride Booth

External Organizations Organisations externes

15 – 18 February, 2024
 22 – 28 July 2024
 9 – 11 August 2024

NGPA Winter Warm-up, Palm Springs CA
 EAA AirVenture – Oshkosh WI
 Abbotsford Airshow BC



Bowling Meet – Winnipeg (thanks to Tara Meikle)





Award - CAP is excited to announce the beginning of the Canadian Aviation Pride Award. If you have any questions, please contact Jessica on our Board of Directors team: jessica.smuck@aviationpride.ca

Criteria: This Award is open to members of the LGBTQ+ community within Canada. Applicants must be Canadian citizens or permanent residents studying for a profession within the aviation and aerospace field, including but not limited to pilots, flight attendants, aviation management, aviation safety, and aircraft maintenance roles.



Amount: Three x \$500 Awards per year

1. Pilot Studies (including flight schools, colleges or universities)
2. Aviation Studies (including colleges, universities or continuing education certificates)
3. Pilot or Aviation studies, BIPOC-community member (including flight schools, colleges, universities or continuing education certificates)

Application window: 2023's application window is from 1 December 2023 to **15 January 2024.**

Requirements: 300-600 word personal statement about your contributions to diversity and inclusion within aviation or your community. This includes contributions beyond the LGBTQ+ community, such as underprivileged youth, POC-related or women's rights groups. Applications will be taken through Google Forms at [THIS LINK](#)

Winners: All applications will be reviewed by the Canadian Aviation Pride Board of Directors, and winners will be contacted, and then subsequently announced through our website and media pages. Applicants will receive their Award by cheque or e-transfer from the Canadian Aviation Pride account.

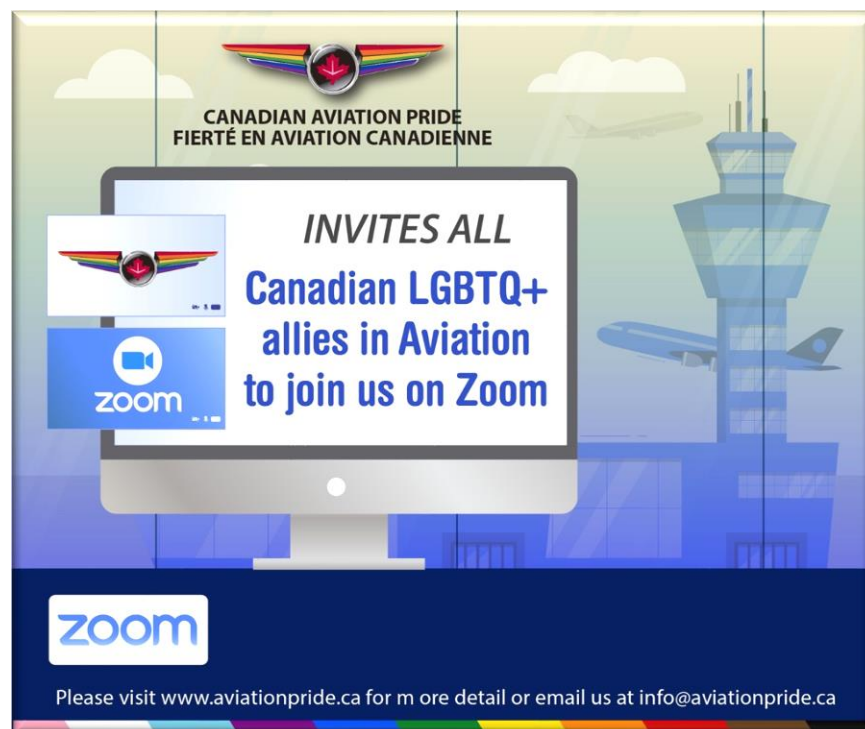






Zoom Social

With the pressures of the pandemic slowly retreating and also allowing for attendance levels, we are changing our monthly Zoom socials to a bi-monthly format. We'll see you again on Friday 2nd February at 5:00 pm PST, 8:00 pm EST. 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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Member Profile



Profil d'un member

Name Kathy Walker

Age 69

Relationship Status Married

Residence Location Nova Scotia

Employment Retired



What is your affiliation with aviation?

Retired air force flight instructor

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

Always fascinated by aircraft since I was a little kid. I enjoyed plane-spotting at the local airport.

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

My brother is on the board. I enjoy connecting with other LGBTQ+ aviators.

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

I never flew anywhere exotic, but I did have some interesting adventures flying to places in North America: San Francisco, New Orleans, even Sault Ste. Marie.

Anything else you want to say about yourself

I have been away from aviation for a long time, but it is still a big part of who I am. Some of my most rewarding contacts have been re-connecting online with pilots that I knew and flew with back in the day.

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](#)



4th December 2023 – Annual General Meeting

After holding elections for the two Director positions which were up for consideration this year, Peter and Adrian were unanimously re-elected. Financial statements for 2022 were presented and approved. It was decided that the 2024 Annual Work Plan will be drafted after completion of the new Strategic Plan for 2024-2029, slated for February. Peter presented a draft budget for 2024 which was approved.

In new business, Jessica advised that due to workload she would be stepping down from the Board early in the New Year. She was thanked for her considerable efforts in support of CAP and advised that we would be happy to have her back on the Board as soon as her workload permitted. In light of that it was agreed that we would trim down the number of events, especially in summer, which have to be coordinated, so as to reduce the workload for individual Directors.

Jessica will develop award judging criteria for the new CAP awards being offered in 2024. Peter suggested creation of a paid Executive Director position to offload existing Director volunteers of administrative work, and to be a part-time position on a trial basis for 2024, and this was agreed to by all. The monthly Zoom meetings will become bi-monthly to reflect the changing opportunities for get-togethers as the pandemic eases, and the next event will be in February 2024.

The next Board meeting will be held on 25th January.





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<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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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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