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"Rassembler la communauté en aviation LGBTQ+ du Canada depuis 2008"

Welcome Aboard

Bienvenue à bord



Greetings from the road, just heading back to Vancouver after a road trip to LA where my partner, Leo, and I had the opportunity to go on the Atlantis gay cruise. There we saw 3 other CAP members also enjoying their time on the boat. Of course, as soon as we started talking planes, the boyfriend took off ;).

If you haven't had a chance to do one of these all gay cruises, I do recommend it. A first timer friend was saying, how it's so great to be in a place where you can be yourself and not think or worry about what other people think. Where you can kiss or hold hands with someone of the same sex and not have a little voice in your head inhibiting your actions.

Air Canada has made a progressive move to omit the Ladies and Gentlemen in their address to passengers now. It's great to see leadership in recognition that not everyone fits the binary labels.

I'm still trying to use the gender neutral; they, them and their pronouns. Takes a bit to rewire the brain. Now that I am conscious of it, I can change too and hope we can all adapt.

Vera and Doris were in Peel, Ontario, to attend a GSA student conference which was a huge success. It's a great way for LGBTQ+ youth to find out more and encourage people to pursue an aviation career and let them know that the doors are open and welcoming.

We are setting up for our year end parties across Canada for the first Friday in December. So get your bid in to take the day off if you're able to.

In the meantime enjoy the autumn flying.

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I am writing this month's editorial while seated outdoors on our back patio, the sky sunny and blue and enjoying an afternoon temperature of 28°C. Yes, I am well south of my usual Vancouver haunts, enjoying southern California's very easy-to-handle fall weather.

In this quiet season between the Pride events of summer and the end-of-year parties, we have still managed to fit in an extra promotional event – a GSA conference organized by the Peel District School Board in Ontario.

GSA stands for Gay-Straight Alliance, and the event was attended by our Director Vera, her partner Tatiana, our volunteer Doris, and Mike from Nav Canada, who has kindly contributed our Event Review article for this month's newsletter.

Later this month, my partner and I fly down to Scottsdale Arizona for a few days, where I will be giving a presentation entitled "Inclusion in Canada" at the [NGPA's 2019 Inclusion Summit](#). Having attended their 2018 Inclusion Summit in Palm Springs, I can tell you that it is a very well-organized and interesting event, and a chance to learn a lot and get new ideas.

The cover photo shows part of the "business end" of an Avro 652 Anson Mark 2, taken at the Hangar Flight Museum in Calgary in September 2017 when we did our cross-country drive for Canada's 150th anniversary.

Best wishes,

Adrian Walker

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Peel District School Board GSA Conference 24 October 2019

On October 24th, the Peel District School Board hosted their second annual GSA conference at Allan A. Martin Sr. Public School in Mississauga, Ontario, and organized by two teachers at the school. It was my great pleasure to attend with three other members of Canadian Aviation Pride, Vera, Tatiana and Doris.

This was the first time I'd set foot in a public school in more than 20 years. I was vaguely aware that Gay Straight Alliances had come into existence in all that time, but nothing prepared me for the scale of the event. I was expecting perhaps a dozen students, and a teacher or two...



Imagine my surprise when I arrived to discover about a dozen tables set up by various attending organizations, and untold hundreds of students and staff! I'd love to tell you about all the other organizations who were there, but I was too busy at our table to go visit any of them!

I had arrived with what I thought was a ridiculous amount of swag generously provided by Nav Canada (my employer). By the end of the day, it was all gone! One enterprising youngster kept coming back for more as the day went on. Apparently the promo items we brought were useful in some sort of barter economy he had going on! Another two kids apparently felt the generic Nav Canada tote bags were just too boring on their own so they accessorized them (see picture).



The most gratifying part of the day for me was coming to the realization that things have drastically changed since my time in school. I left with a great sense of hope that these kids will have the opportunity to grow up and become whoever it is they wish to be without all the stigma and shame that plagued my generation. If the kids had half as good a time as I did, then I consider the event to have been an unqualified success.

Many thanks to the Peel District School Board, and their hardworking staff for hosting this wonderful event. Thanks also to Nav Canada, and my fellow CAP volunteers.

*Mike Ewing
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Nav Canada*

Aviation Cartoon



Caricature en aviation



by [Kelly Kincaid](#)



Flight Plan 2019

Plan de vol 2019



Vancouver

Friday 6 December

Year end party, Peter's party room, 1155 Homer street, 5:30 pm

Toronto

Friday 6 December

Year end party, Pilot Tavern, 22 Cumberland St, 5:30 pm

Montréal

Friday 6 December

Year end party, Complexe Sky, 1478 rue Ste-Catherine, 5:30 pm

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17 – 20 November 2019

NGPA Inclusion Summit, Scottsdale AZ

Member Profile

Profil du membre



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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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. Email us at info@aviationpride.ca.

Blue skies and tail winds!

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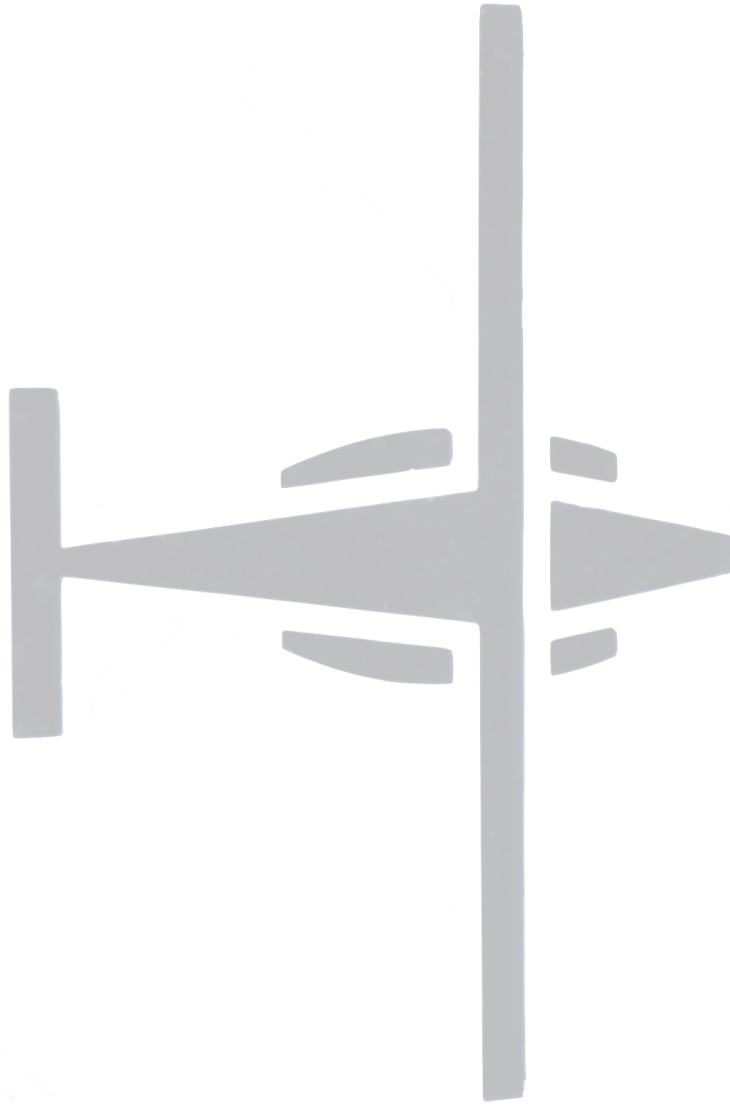
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Ciel bleu et vent arrière!



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