

# *Silver Dart*

Canada's LGBTQ+ Aviation Newsletter  
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Canadian Aviation Pride  
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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



Greetings from Vancouver.

I hope everyone is well and trying to stay healthy during cold and flu season. It seems this year we have the emergence of a novel Coronavirus, Covid 19.

Probably like many others, you have been watching the news. It reminds me of 2003 when SARS made the rounds. It can have quite the effect on our industry.

Those of us working in aviation, and especially the flight attendants, are often exposed to more pathogens than we would want to think about. This also makes me think a healthy flight attendant probably has a more robust immune system and can hopefully keep this bug away.

Don't be afraid to take sick days and seek medical attention if you get symptoms.

My other concern is the fear factor. Due to the origin in China, many Chinese are getting racially targeted. We need to make sure a racial group isn't unfairly treated. This bug is indiscriminate and can affect anyone. The other issue is about fear mongering and people becoming afraid to fly. This fear could have some serious consequences for the economy and our business if people cancel and avoid trips. Mind you, it could be a good time to go stand by, just don't get stuck somewhere!

Please try and pay attention to what Health Canada and the CDC says. So wash your hands often and avoid touching your face. Those N95 masks, if used, need to be worn properly.

I hope this will not become the new normal. Hopefully when the spring comes and the sun is stronger, the UV light will help kill the bugs on surfaces and this will fizzle out quickly.

For those of you who have ever been on a cruise, you'll already know their emphasis on: WASH YOUR HANDS, WASH YOUR HANDS.

Stay healthy,

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## From the Editor



It is March, that month where we see the end of winter (officially at least, if not in practice everywhere!), lengthening daylight, and the optimism of spring just around the corner.

So we held our first social event of the season in Vancouver this past month, and we have a write-up of it in this issue of the newsletter.

## De l'éditeur

This month's cover image was taken in Perth Australia on 18 November 2007, where we took dozens of photos of kitesurfers or kiteboarders.

You might question what this has to do with aviation since the kitesurfer is not exactly a machine in the sense of an "aircraft" as defined by the Aeronautics Act - *"any machine capable of deriving support in the atmosphere from reactions of the air"*.

My answer would be that the image still conjures up the magic of lift and becoming airborne. Mind you, I also have to admit that the only Canadian connection is the photographer!

Best wishes,

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## Aviation Cartoon



by [Kelly Kincaid](#)

## Caricature en aviation



## Event Review

## Revue d'événement



### Vancouver Pub Night

On Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> February, we held our first social event of the season in Vancouver. Eight of us gathered at the Fountainhead Pub on Davie Street for a very pleasant afternoon. Yes, you read that right, “afternoon”!

It was all about everyone's schedules. Some folks have the misfortune of regularly having to fly off to places like Mexico, Cuba, Hawaii and elsewhere, and coupled with less impressive excuses from the rest of us, an afternoon event seemed like a good idea. Peter treated us to a plate of nachos – thanks Peter! – and we enjoyed a couple of hours of good conversation in a well-attended bar. Here are a few photos.



Some of the assembled company



The Nachos



Our Co-Chairs, Adrian and Peter



The rest of the assembled company!

## Flight Plan 2020

## Plan de vol 2020



### Vancouver

Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> July  
Friday 31<sup>st</sup> July  
Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> August  
7<sup>th</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup> August  
December

Canada Day fireworks party  
Pre-Pride Pub night, 5:00 pm at Moxie's  
Vancouver Pride Booth  
Abbotsford Airshow  
Year end party

### Toronto

April  
25<sup>th</sup> April  
May  
26<sup>th</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup> June  
Friday 26<sup>th</sup> June  
August  
September  
November  
December

Pub night at O'Grady's  
Girls Take Flight - Oshawa  
Girls Can Fly – Kitchener Booth  
Toronto Pride Booth  
Pre-Pride pub night, 5:00 pm at Fran's Upper Deck  
WWFC Fun Day – Kitchener Booth  
Brantford Airshow  
LGBTQ+ Aviation Youth Mentoring Event  
Year end party

### Montréal

Friday 14<sup>th</sup> August  
Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> August  
December

Fierté Take-off, 5:00 pm at Sky Bar  
Montréal Pride Booth  
Year end party

### Ottawa

August

Ottawa Pride Booth

### External Organizations Organisations externes

Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> April  
20<sup>th</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup> July  
17<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup> September  
Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> September

Jazz Aviation Inclusive Skies conference  
EAA AirVenture – Oshkosh WI  
NGPA Cape Cod Classic - Provincetown, MA  
Northern Lights Award Gala

## Our Organization



## Notre Organization

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**En ligne**



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## 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](#)*



## 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. Email us at [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. Envoyez-nous un courriel à [info@aviationpride.ca](mailto:info@aviationpride.ca).

Ciel bleu et vent arrière!



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