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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 Sunny Vancouver, July is over, Vaccines are rolling out, new travel protocols are coming out and Canadians are starting to travel again.

We lost all the momentum in the aviation industry and as airlines try to ramp up, there are many challenges for the industry still ahead.

I know there are many LGBTQ+ friends working at other carriers who have been getting their call back to return to work. I too received my recall for training in preparation for a busy winter.

It's great to see recalls but this Covid-induced recession has caused a seismic event in aviation. I am very optimistic that the future will be very bright.

I know it was brutal for many people who finished their training last year - they took on jobs that weren't part of their career planning 2 years ago but I admire their tenacity. I know they will be able to come back to their passion soon and get back into aviation.

The first week-end in August is the usual Pride week end in Vancouver but it was cancelled and made into dislocated events this year.

With many restrictions lifted recently, we were able to have a small gathering in Vancouver so with that, we went ahead with a pride week end social. It's always great to see many familiar faces and some new people too at the BBQ.

We hope to have more in the future so stay tuned.

In the mean time, stay safe and feel free to move about the cabin.

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We are pleased to announce that this past month we entered into a strategic partnership agreement with the New Brunswick Aviation Museum in Chatham NB. They have a growing collection of Canadian military aircraft and are currently planning to build a hangar to display them in.

We are finding that many organizations are looking to our LGBTQ+ aviation community to ensure that they have a diversity of input, by having strategic partners who represent different aspects of the aviation industry to encourage broad interest in the aerospace sector.

This is a most welcome development in our industry, and is aligned with the Diversity and Inclusion initiatives which

many of the leading airlines have put in place in recent years. A warm welcome from us all to the [NBAM](#)!

At the current time of publication, we have reached 83% of our population with at least one dose of vaccine, and 66% with the full two doses. As with some other countries, we are seeing the majority of new Covid cases now being in the unvaccinated or only partially vaccinated population. We encourage each of you to get your two 'shots' so that we can come out from under our restrictions a little sooner. We can't wait for 2022 and our booths and celebrations throughout the year. Let's give ourselves something really to celebrate!

The cover photos this month were taken at various Pride Booths in Montréal, Toronto and Vancouver over the past three years. Since we are not doing booths this year due to Covid, we felt that a retrospective of the fun of past booths would be a good thing. We all look forward to next year!

Best wishes,

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## Aviation Cartoon

## Caricature en aviation



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## Flight Plan 2021

## Plan de vol 2021



Although vaccine roll-out is progressing well, spikes of Covid cases are making it difficult to plan in-person events at this time. Our monthly Zoom socials will of course continue this year.

Vancouver

Toronto

Montréal



## Featured Partner

## Partenaire vedette



### New Brunswick Aviation Museum

As mentioned in our Editorial, CAP has agreed to be a strategic partner of the New Brunswick Aviation Museum in Chatham NB, and so we are pleased this month to bring you this overview of the museum and its work.



**MISSION:** To collect, preserve, research and exhibit artifacts which illustrate the history and heritage of aviation in New Brunswick; New Brunswickers in the Royal Canadian Air Force at war, during peacetime, and on United Nations/NATO duty; and, Canada's No. 1 Air Division in Europe.

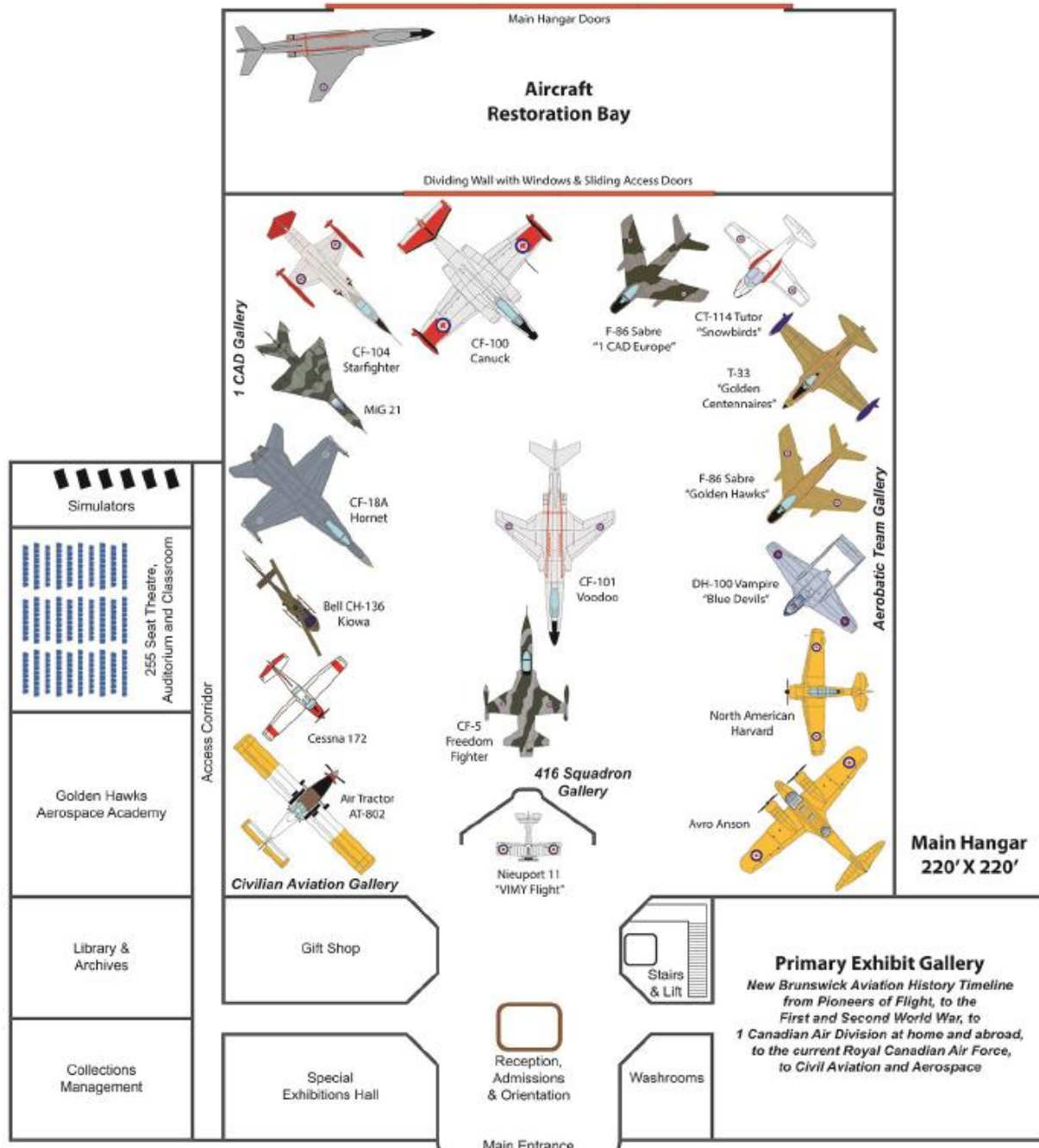
**VISION:** To become the leading aerospace museum in Eastern Canada by emphasizing the military and civil aviation history of New Brunswick; by sharing the experiences of the men, women and families who served in No. 1 Air Division; and, by encouraging young people in the province to pursue careers in the aviation and aerospace sectors.

The New Brunswick Aviation Museum (NBAM) was incorporated by the Province of New Brunswick in July 2013 and received charitable status from the Canada Revenue Agency in April 2014. In May, 2021, the Miramichi Airport Commission kindly donated enough land at the site of former Royal Canadian Air Force Station/Canadian Forces Base Chatham for the Museum to be built along with an Aviation Heritage Park. The Museum will create a state of the art facility to showcase the rich aviation history of New Brunswick and Canada's No. 1 Air Division.

The NBAM has done a number of things over the past few years to promote NB aviation history including hosting a 75th anniversary reunion of Chatham in 2016, where it was honoured to have former Chief of Defence Staff, General (Retired) Paul Manson, as the guest speaker. NBAM successfully nominated the RCAF Golden Hawks aerobatic team for induction into Canada's Aviation Hall of Fame in 2017 and later hosted an event in Miramichi to commemorate the 50th anniversary of Golden Hawk Appreciation day. Since then, it has maintained a website ([www.nbaviationmuseum.com](http://www.nbaviationmuseum.com)) and four Facebook pages dealing with aviation history while working on enhancing its collection of items and finding a permanent home.



NBAM was recently given a deHavilland Vampire jet aircraft, serial #17072, which they plan to restore to running condition. It flew with the Blue Devils aerobatic team while with 410 (City of Saint John) Squadron. They secured a T-33 Silver Star that flew as a support aircraft for the Golden Centennaires and will also be taking possession of a replica First World War Nieuport 11 aircraft that flew over Vimy Ridge in 2017 to mark the 100th anniversary of the battle. With the 100th anniversary of the Royal Canadian Air Force coming up in three years, the NBAM's primary goal is to secure a permanent home and to hold a grand opening for the museum on 1 April 2024.



NBAM is going to become a centre of excellence for the preservation of aviation history and the promotion of aerospace careers to the youth of NB. They will have state-of-the-art simulators, provide classes in conjunction with the Canadian Space Agency and Canada's Aviation and Space Museum in Ottawa, and plans to host Job Fairs for businesses in the Atlantic Canada Aerospace and Defence Association. Its education and training centre will be a unique attraction in Atlantic Canada, and it will be named the "*Golden Hawk Aerospace Academy*" in recognition of the tradition of excellence for which the team was well known. Since the only aviation museums in Atlantic Canada are currently based in Nova Scotia, the pandemic has shown that access to those locations can become totally out of bounds for NB children. The lack of access to facilities which can inspire dreams of flight is a significant detriment to developing the next generation of aviators and aerospace workers.

The NBAM has welcomed CAP's input to help it design programs for the LGBTQ2+ community in Atlantic Canada to increase their interest in the aerospace sector. Because its main focus for the next several years is raising the money to get the museum built, NBAM is reaching out to a diverse group of organizations to show potential funders the impact it will have as an aviation museum and the support it is getting from across the country. Although it will be a "provincial" museum, it will be telling a national story.

The NBAM has reached out to a number of other individuals to support it as Honorary Patrons including His Royal Highness Prince Charles, who has personal ties to NB aviation; NB business leaders; former senior RCAF officers; and, former members of Canadian aerobatic teams.

Former Premier of NB, the Honourable Frank McKenna, and His Honour, retired Lieutenant Governor Graydon Nicholas have already agreed to be Honorary Patrons, as have Generals (Retired) Paul D. Manson, OC, CMM, CD and Ray Henault, CMM, MSC, CD. Other Honorary Patrons include former RCAF commanders, former CFB Chatham Base Commanders, Golden Centennaires team members and numerous former leaders of the Snowbirds. NBAM has also established partnerships with the Atlantic Canada Aerospace and Defence Association, the Royal Canadian Air Force Association, the Black Aviation Professionals Network and the Air Cadet League of New Brunswick.

CAP is pleased to have formed this strategic partnership with NBAM, and we look forward to working with it to ensure its success.







### Pride BBQ - Vancouver

Effective 1<sup>st</sup> July, British Columbia is now in Step 3 of its COVID-19 restart plan, giving locals more freedom than they've had in months during the pandemic. There is no size limit to personal gatherings in B.C. Whether indoor or outdoors, Dr. Bonnie Henry says the number of people individuals gather with is now a personal choice. The CDC guidance states "There are no restrictions on indoor or outdoor personal gatherings". As a result CAP held the advertised event with 17 people in attendance.





## Featured event

## Événement vedette



### Zoom Social

Coming up next Friday 6<sup>th</sup> August 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!

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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.

**If you have additional ideas about how you would like us to design the Zoom social, please feel free to [contact us](#) with your ideas on how to make the meetings as enjoyable and helpful as possible.**

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## 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>

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## Member Profile

## Profil d'un 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.

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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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