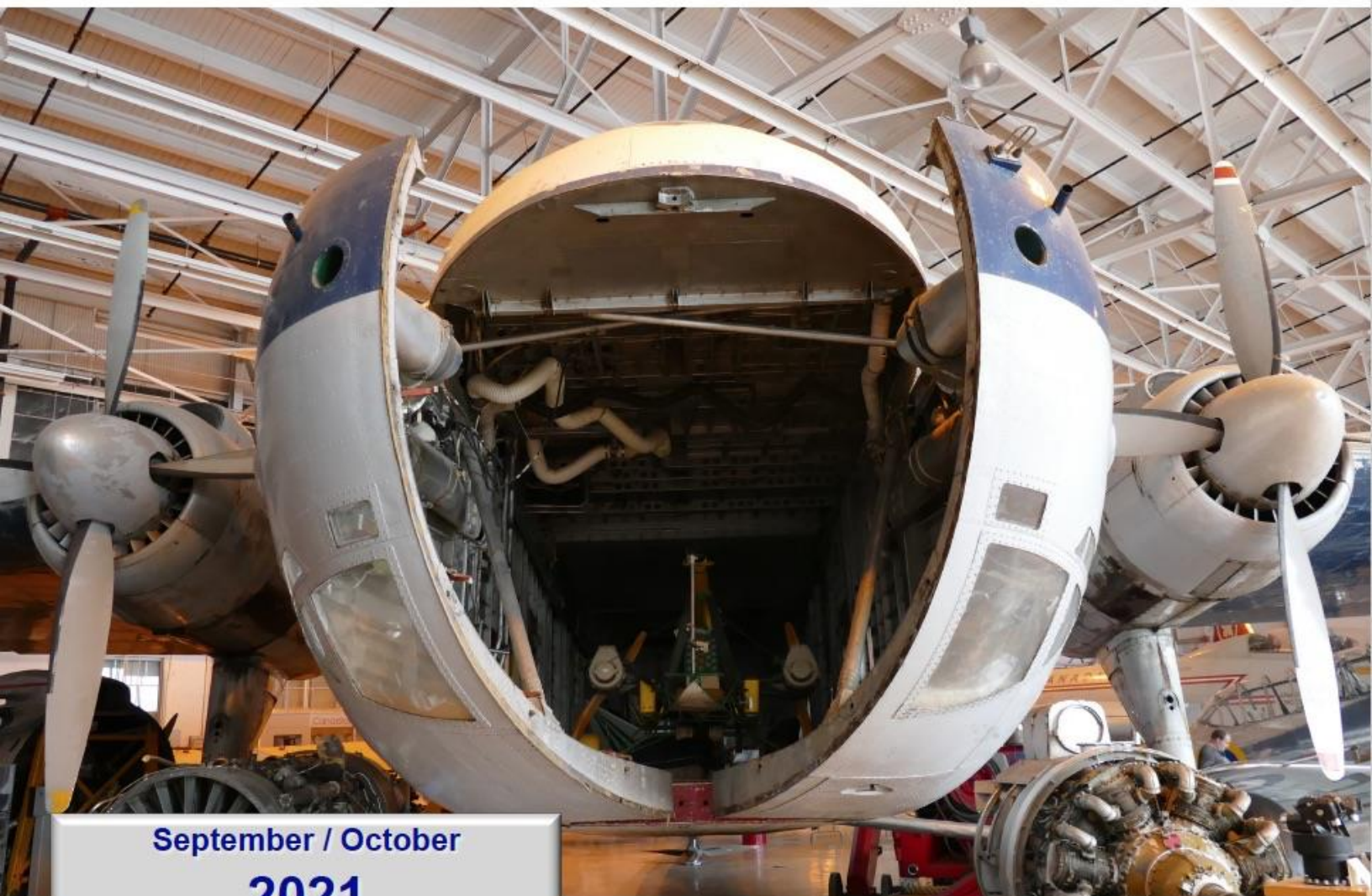


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Canada's LGBTQ+ Aviation Newsletter
Le bulletin LGBTQ+ en Aviation du Canada



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"Connecting Canada's LGBTQ+ Aviation Community Since 2008"
"Rassembler la communauté en aviation LGBTQ+ du Canada depuis 2008"



Greetings from Vancouver. Wow what a difference a month makes. It seems Canada has hit the tipping point and people want to travel.

Having seen first hand - the throttles have been opened and the engines are roaring back to life - people are flying!

Vaccinations are working and people are travelling. But, the most important thing, we aviators have been getting call-backs to return to work. For those of us working in the industry, it's back to the sky! I've been lucky and my number came up and I was recalled for training.

Last week I was in the simulator catching up on all the sessions I had missed, including some new Max 8

training. I was a little anxious at first, not knowing how rusty I was. There was a surprising amount of muscle memory that kept me going in the right direction and after a couple of sessions, I was back in the groove.

It was great to see co-workers at the training facility and it's such a positive environment now. The last time I did a simulator session, it was very depressing as things were shutting down. It seems now there just are not enough crews to meet the demand. So many people were furloughed, there aren't enough people ready to work, so the airlines have to spool up again which will take time.

One of the side effects of this shut down and quarantine for CAP has been our lack of interaction which has made it hard for us to get together. As we come up with ways to get together online and have limited in-person gatherings, we are going to go ahead and plan the year-end events. So "Save the Date", Friday November 26th in Vancouver, Toronto and Montreal. We'll have some in-person events that evening.

Hope to see you out and about! Time to keep the blue side up.

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Over the summer we at CAP have been following up on one of our strategic goals – *to develop partnerships with aviation companies and other not-for-profit organizations* – and in this issue we showcase our connection with Canadian Advanced Air Mobility.

From last month you'll recall our partnership with the New Brunswick Aviation Museum, and in our next issue we hope to provide some information on a third partnership arrangement which we are working on.

We are pleased to see this sort of interaction between not-for-profit organizations, and to see the level of cooperation and inclusion which helps

all of us achieve our goals more effectively.

As we did one year ago, with the reduction in activity this year, we have combined the September and October issues into one. The next issue of Silver Dart will therefore be on 1st November.

September's cover photo was taken on 19th September 2017 in Winnipeg, at the Royal Aviation Museum of Western Canada, during our Coast-to-Coast drive to celebrate Canada's 150th anniversary.

The aircraft is a Bristol Freighter 31M, originally built in 1955 for the RCAF, carrying Sabre jets from Canadian bases in France to overhaul facilities in the UK.

In 1967 it was bought by Wardair, registered as CF-WAE, and along with two other Bristols, did freight work in the north. It was given to the museum in 1983 by Norcanair. I just couldn't resist this photo of its gaping mouth!

Best wishes and stay safe,

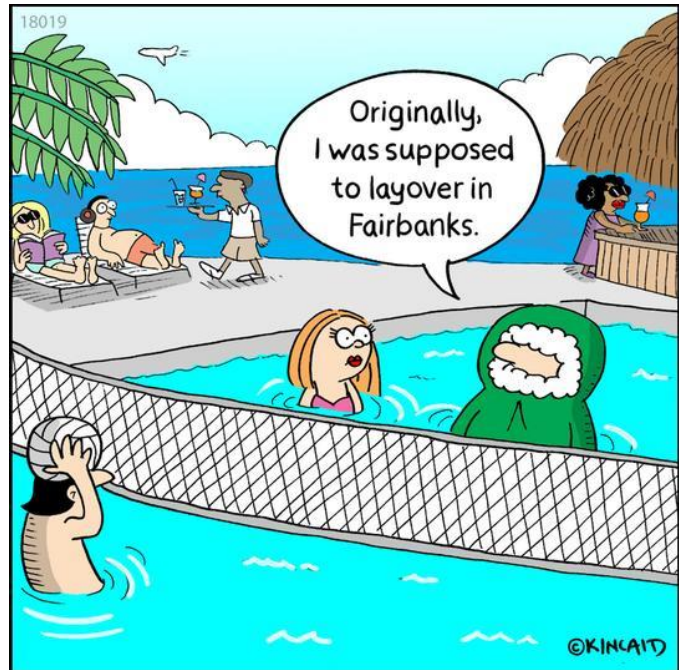
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Canadian Advanced Air Mobility

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On August 19th, I had the privilege to participate as a speaker and a moderator in a virtual LGBTQ2+ focussed discussion hosted by the Canadian Advanced Air Mobility Consortium (CAAM).

To provide you with a bit of background, CAAM is an organization dedicated to exploring the emerging technologies in the aviation industry to create a zero-emissions intermodal transportation network in areas and across distances that are not viably served by traditional aircraft. As an emerging field, Advanced Air Mobility has the unique opportunity to build itself from scratch using best practices not only when it comes to the technological and environmental aspects, but also considering the equity, diversity and inclusion angle.



With that in mind, CAAM has hosted several online sessions, seeking the perspectives of LGBTQ2+ folks, women, people of colour and Indigenous Canadians to ensure that the new industry embraces and celebrates the full Canadian and global diversity.

The LGBTQ2+ session, well attended by nearly 200 participants, consisted of a series of free-flowing conversations, between two to three panelists each. The panelists included representatives from both social justice groups such as Pride at Work Canada, SOGI Canada, Diversity Development Network of Canada, as well as representatives from the aviation world such as YVR Airport, Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University, Porter Airlines and, of course, CAP.

The recorded event can be [found online](#).

A one-page Next Steps Guide is [also available](#).



Flight Plan 2021

Plan de vol 2021



Vancouver

Friday 26th November

External Organizations
Organisations externes

17th – 19th September

Toronto

Year end party

Montréal

NGPA Cape Cod Classic, Provincetown MA

Featured event

Événement vedette



CAP Year End Party

26th November 2021

We're planning a (hopefully) in-person event for each of Vancouver, Montréal and Toronto, assuming that Covid allows, so stay tuned for details in our next newsletter issue and in our Facebook pages.





Thursday 12th August 2021

After approval of the minutes of the 27th May Board meeting, a financial summary was presented showing a modest increase in funds despite expenses, mostly due to online sales and donations.

It was agreed that tentatively three in-person events would be held on Friday 26th November, simultaneously in Vancouver, Toronto and Montréal to celebrate the year-end. Further details will be published closer to the time, in particular whether the pandemic will allow in-person or only virtual events.

We reviewed the new partnerships which CAP has made, first with the New Brunswick Aviation Museum, and second with Canadian Advanced Air Mobility. Additional follow-up will be made with the Canadian Aviation Hall of Fame who had contacted us in late 2020, and with Canadian Women in Aviation who are interested in establishing a connection with CAP.

The 2021 Action Plan was reviewed to ensure progress toward our goals, and we agreed to focus for the rest of the year on the two administrative goals, namely the membership plan and the communications plan.

The meeting was concluded after 50 minutes.



Featured event

Événement vedette



Zoom Social

Coming up this Friday 3rd September at 5:00 pm PST, 8:00 pm EST is our monthly 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!



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.

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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.

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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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.

Ciel bleu et vent arrière!



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