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Guild of Air Pilots and Air Navigators (Canadian Region)

Chairman's Year End Message

The Canadian Region, which celebrated its first year of operation in October 2009, completed its registration under the Societies Act earlier in the year.

MEMBERSHIP

New membership fees have been established, which have been kept to a very low rate to encourage membership growth. A feature of being payable by bank monthly deduction, they start at the equivalent of \$5.00 per month.

The membership application has been refined for the Canadian Region and is available on our website along with a soon to be French version.

With the assistance of our members, we are looking for a substantial increase in memberships during the coming year in both Central and Eastern Canada and increasing committee activity. The strength of the Guild is totally dependent on the strength and involvement of its members. Please tell your friends and business associates about the Guild and what is available for little more than the price of a cup of coffee once a month.

COLLEGE OF PROFESSIONAL PILOTS OF CANADA

The developing relationship with the newly formed College of Professional Pilots of Canada continues to flourish. Capt David Martin, a Member of the Court (effectively the Board) of the Guild in London attended a November meeting of the College Board in Calgary. David gave a well received presentation on the Global activities of the Guild and the opportunities available for the College and its members with the development of the Guild in Canada. Your Board will be working hard to continue progress in this important opportunity area with College President (and new Guild Canada member) David Coles and Colin Bechtel.

COMMITTEES

Meetings have been held by the newly formed Technical, Safety and Regulatory Committee and by the Training Committee. The TSRC Committee is chaired by John Barnes and the Training Committee by Wayne Cave. Both provide opportunities for the Guild to have its potential recognized and to widen its level of acceptance in the aviation industry. Deputy Chairmen will be appointed for both Committees, terms of reference issued and names of members published. All Members of the Region are being asked to take part in this important development by joining in committee activities and suggesting subjects and issues for the committees to consider. The new membership application form now includes a section for applicants to state their interest in taking part in committee activities at the outset.

It is important that as it develops, the Guild has the ability to express a view on important issues, so that in time, the Guild's informed view will be sought by the media. The post of Media Coordinator will be developed and will be established in Western and in Central Canada.

A Mentoring Program was satisfactorily introduced on a pilot basis last summer, targeted at new graduates from a British Columbia Flying School. As Chairman of the Training Committee, Wayne Cave is looking to extend the scheme to more schools and to widen the geographic area.

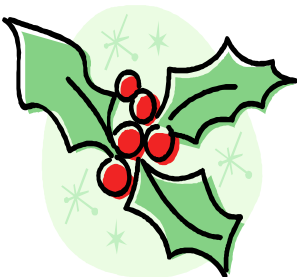
TROPHIES AND AWARDS BANQUET - LONDON

The Canadian Region was extremely well represented at the Trophies and Awards Banquet in London in October, both in the awards and by the number of attendees. It is hoped that as the Region grows in strength and activity, this will continue to develop as more members from our Region take advantage of the international and high level networking opportunities available at this very special event. Full details on the awards as a whole can be found on the London website at www.gapan.org/about-the-guild/trophies-and-awards/award-winners/

The Canadian Region has come a long way in its first year. It still has a long way to go. We are looking for continued growth and we are confident that with your help this will be achieved.

Donna Farquhar, the Administrator and the Board join with me in wishing you happy holidays, Christmas greetings and all best wishes for a prosperous, peaceful and successful 2010.

John Burley, Chairman



Member Profile: Patricia L. Beckman

Captain John Barnes, Chairman of the Guild's newly-formed Technical, Safety and Regulatory Committee is pleased to welcome Master Air Navigator Trish Beckman to our panel of experts. Here's what *Aviation for Women* magazine has to say about our newest volunteer:

Commander Trish Beckman, US Navy (retired), currently flies for Boeing Commercial Airplanes Group, Seattle, Washington. She holds FAA licenses as an Aircraft Dispatcher and a Flight Navigator. She flies as a System Operator (similar to flight engineer) for production and engineering test flights of the Boeing 737, and as a Flight Navigator for ferry flights and engineering test flights (737, 767, 777). She has over 5,000 flight hours in 71 aircraft types.

Trish spent over 28 years on active duty in the US Navy (8 years enlisted and 20 years as an officer). As a Naval Flight Officer (NFO, or Navigator), she flew in 67 types of aircraft. Her primary aircraft qualifications were in the EC-130Q, F/A-18D, E-6A, S-3A/B, and F-15E. She was the first woman to qualify as a crewmember in the F-15E (1992), and she was the first American woman to qualify as a crewmember in the F/A-18D (1990).

Besides being a graduate of the US Naval Test Pilot School, Trish also instructed there. She holds a BS in Aerospace Engineering (North Carolina State University), an MS in Aeronautical Engineering (Naval Postgraduate School), and a Masters in Business Administration (MBA, Webster University).

Trish is a Past President of Women Military Aviators, Inc. (WMA), and is a founding board member of Women in Aviation, International (WAI). She volunteers as a workshop presenter for Sally Ride Science, at festivals around the country, to encourage girls to pursue careers in math and science.

Which of us would not trade our CV and logbook for Trish's? We extend our heartfelt congratulations on her recent Master Air Navigator award and also our thanks for her efforts to help others in aviation.



Master of the Guild, Colin Cooke-Priest presents the Guild's Master Air Navigator certificate to Trish Beckman at October's Trophies and Awards Dinner in London.

London Trophies and Awards Banquet

The Guild's annual Trophies and Awards Banquet was held in London on October 29th. December's "Guild News" magazine has full coverage of the evening's presentations but those Canadians who 'crossed the pond' enjoyed themselves immensely. In attendance were Patrick Reid, one of the founding Board members of Guild Canada (and the man behind Canada's flag and Expo 86), Barry Marsden, Chairman of Conair Group Inc., and also recipient of the Guild's Master Air Pilot certificate that evening, and Air Canada Captain David Coles who is also the President of the College of Professional Pilots of Canada. Captain James Murphy and First Officer Glenn Johnson accepted the Master's Special Commendation on behalf of the crew of CanJet 918. Assisting the Master, Colin Cooke-Priest, with the presentations was Major-General Joe Hincke, Commander and Defence Advisor to Canada's High Commission.



David Coles, Alison and Patrick Reid, Karen and Barry Marsden and Liz Burley. (Photo courtesy of John Hutchinson)

Christmas Eve 1957, the North Sea, fog and a complete electrical failure...

Novelist Frederick Forsyth wrote his short story “The Shepherd” as a Christmas present for his wife. No chestnuts roasting by the fire in this tale, rather it’s about a pilot in dire straits. CBC’s Alan Maitland recorded the story for CBC Radio’s “As It Happens” many years ago and the December 24th broadcast has become a tradition and also a word-of-mouth phenomenon. If you can’t be near a radio on Christmas Eve (perhaps you’re out flying), you can hear the story on *YouTube* or simply visit http://community.livejournal.com/history_time/16672.html



Are you an expert? Do you have a question?

If you answer ‘Yes’ to either, we invite you to contact our new committees.

Training Committee, chaired by Captain Wayne Cave,

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Technical, Safety & Regulatory Committee, chaired by Captain John Barnes,

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Let us know the challenges you face as pilots and we will help address the issues. We get the people with the answers and the people with the questions together.

Photo of the Month

This photo was brought to our attention by our friend and Board Member, Charlie Simpson. Like a well-known aviation magazine, we invite you to suggest a caption to guildcanadamedia@gmail.com as it leaves us grasping for words. Best entries will be published in the next newsletter.



The Last Laugh: "The Captain..."



Happy landings in 2010!