

A Quarterly Communiqué from Women in Aerospace Canada - Atlantic

I hope that your summer is off to a great start. Although the weather was questionable at first and Canada Day weekend was one of the wettest on record, it has definitely improved! I trust you are all making the best of it and making plans to enjoy the summer with family and friends doing your favourite activities.

It has been a busy spring in the region for aerospace and aviation. This quarterly newsletter aims to inform our community about events recently held and those coming up in the months ahead. I look forward to seeing you soon!

And if you aren't already a member of Women in Aerospace Canada Atlantic, please consider becoming one! The benefits of a membership are outlined in this newsletter.

Have a wonderful summer!

Eva Martinez, Vice-President WIA-Canada

Objectives of WIA-Canada

Women in Aerospace Canada (WIA-Canada) is a not-for-profit organization dedicated to expanding women's opportunities for leadership and professional development as well as increasing their visibility in the aerospace community by creating a professional network in Canada and across the globe. The objectives of WIA-Canada are to:

Identify, foster and promote the interests and professional development of women working in the aerospace industry and other related sectors.

To be a networking platform for women and men in the aerospace industry and other sector areas related to aerospace.

Advance aerospace education for women in schools, colleges, and universities.

Develop alliances with aerospace associations (provincially, federally and internationally) and other relevant associations across Canada and globally.

Recent Events

Stelia Aerospace North America

On April 29, we enjoyed a networking lunch and a presentation by Dr. Cheryl Lamerson, a former Air Weapons Controller and Personnel Selection Officer in the Royal Canadian Air Force. With much humour, Cheryl shared her stories of her personal experiences as the Chair for the Committee on Women in the NATO Forces and as the Chief Organizational Psychologist of the Canadian Forces, as well as the findings from years of extensive research on gender integration, human performance, attrition, organizational development, and the



management of change. Following her keynote, participants had a tour of Stelia Aerospace North America, situated in picturesque Lunenburg, NS. Stelia Aerospace North America (formerly Composites Atlantic Limited) is a world leader in the design, development, and manufacturing of advanced composites for the aeronautic, space and defence industries.



12 Wing Shearwater Tour



On May 23, we were given a rare opportunity to get up close and personal with the CH148 Cyclone helicopter operations at 12 Wing Shearwater. The comprehensive to the base included:

- a tour of the new Sikorsky CH148 Cyclone helicopter
- training facilities, including the flight simulator and virtual reality hoist mission simulator
- Aircrew Life Support Equipment (ALSE) and other shops
- lunch at the mess
- a tour of the air traffic control tower including the rare chance to meet two of their wildlife control falcons
- and a visit to the Shearwater Aviation Museum.



Elevate Aviation – Halifax

On June 4, [Elevate Aviation](#) came to Halifax as part of their nationwide tour. With a goal to create a shift in the aviation industry that promotes gender balance by connecting women with a network of support, their tour was open to the general public – particularly school-aged children – for a chance to discover the world of aviation with a behind-the-scenes look, hosted by women in the industry.

The Halifax event included inspiring stories by guest speakers – all women employed in various careers in aviation – followed by an in-depth tour of several facilities.



Family Fun Day – Atlantic Canada Aviation Museum

On Saturday June 22, the Atlantic Canada Aviation Museum hosted its annual Family Fun Day...and what a day it was! With record-breaking attendance, the museum welcomed familiar guests and many first-time visitors. If you missed it, plan to come to the museum for Wings n Wheels on August 10. See Upcoming Events for details!



Canadian Council of Aviation and Aerospace Roundtable

On June 25, the [Canadian Council of Aviation and Aerospace](#) hosted a roundtable in Halifax called “Shaping the Future of Our Canadian Skies” to discuss the increased participation of women in aviation and aerospace. Incorporated in 1993, the CCAA is a not-for-profit organization dedicated to ensuring the aviation and aerospace industry has enough workers with the right skills to meet industry needs. The CCAA has two main areas of focus: skills development and industry demographics (supply and demand for particular skills). This event was an opportunity to provide input and learn about supportive practices for the advancement of women in aviation and aerospace and contribute to our industry’s National Action Plan of best practices and recommendations for stakeholders.

With Halifax as the last of seven stops across the country, the CCAA will work through to summer to compile their results for the National Labour Market Strategy IV Day taking place in Ottawa on October 23-24. For more information, contact the Project Coordinator, Kethy Sosso-Kolle, at ksossokolle@avaerocouncil.ca

Upcoming Events

Wings n Wheels – Atlantic Canada Aviation Museum

Planes and cars – two huge crowd pleasers! On Aug 10 come out and marvel at the beautiful cars on display, spend some time looking around the museum and then enjoy an outdoor BBQ in our picnic area. The [Atlantic Canada Aviation Museum](#) is located at 20 Sky Blvd, Goffs, NS B2T 1K3 – Exit 6 off Highway 102, across the

highway from Halifax Stanfield International Airport.



Gastops Lunch and Tour – Save the Date



Plan to join us on August 15 for a Lunch and Tour of Gastops, located in Dartmouth NS. The company designs and manufactures products and provides services that enhance the life cycle of complex critical equipment that help aircraft fly, ships move, trains roll, generators generate, and turbines turn. Stay tuned for more details!

Air Show Atlantic – August 31 and September 1



Tickets for [Air Show Atlantic](#) are now on sale...have you got yours? This year’s show is back in Greenwood, NS and the US Navy Blue Angels demonstration squadron will be headlining the spectacular aerial display.

Stay Connected

Is WIA-Canada for You? Consider a Membership!

Members of WIA-Canada represent all levels of employment in aerospace – from entry level to senior executives, from administrative to technical to engineering roles and everything in between. If you are a woman working in the aerospace industry, WIA-Canada is definitely for you! As a not-for-profit organization, Women in Aerospace Canada uses membership fees as predictable and ongoing funding of our operational expenses. Click [here](#) to join!

Benefits of memberships include:

- **Front of Line** – members receive exclusive first round early access to tickets before non-members so you can avoid the disappointment of a sold out event when tickets go public!
- **Event Discounts** – members will benefit from lower pricing for their tickets compared to full-price for non-members.
- **Exclusive Events** – participate in special member-only events.
- **Newsletter** – free announcements and advertising in the Quarterly Newsletter.

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