

The Electronic Newsletter of the Air Transport Association of Canada
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Fall Elections

There is a very strong possibility of general elections being called in Canada following the September 30th Opposition Day Motion of non-confidence. An election called in early October would land right in the midst of Quebec wide municipal elections which are held November 1st. Nonetheless, federal general elections are expected to be called on October 6th and likely be held on November 16th. The Bloc might want to be seen as supporting the government in order not to bring down the government and create havoc in Quebec which would result in an even lower voter turnout than in the 2008 General Election. The popularity of the Bloc will be the deciding factor but the Bloc has pretty much committed itself to defeating the government in that it recently labelled the Liberals as weak for not calling a summer election.

A general election would have a major impact on the air transport industry. The government would shut down for two months, thus stalling government capital investment programs it was hoped would contribute to the economic recovery. Also, Bill C-310 would disappear with all other unfinished business. It could be re-introduced after a new government is formed but the process would have to start from scratch. Finally, Air Canada's efforts to secure a government loan could be stalled or, perhaps worse, become an election issue.

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ATAC's 75th Annual General Meeting & Tradeshow November 15-17, 2009

Hilton Hotel and Quebec City Convention Centre

Plenary Session on "Aviation in a Recovering Economy"

- Dr. Warren Jestin, Chief Economist, Scotiabank
- Dr. Isabelle Dostaler, Associate Professor, John Molson School of Business, Concordia University
- Rob Giguere, President & CEO, Skyservice Airlines
- Moderator – John McKenna, President & CEO, ATAC

Please visit our website at <http://www.atac.ca/en/events/agm/index.html> for ATAC's preliminary program, accommodation details and other pertinent information.

Book your accommodation early - a limited block of rooms are on hold. For information on Sponsorships and/or the Tradeshow please email Debbie Simpson at atac@atac.ca.

Join us in celebrating ATAC's 75th Anniversary!

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TC Web Based Consultation Focus Group

For those that previously advised TC that they were interested in Web Based Consultation for TC regulations and standards you will be happy to hear that a Focus Group meeting on this subject is planned to be held September 23-25 in Ottawa. Sorry it is an in-person meeting and not a video conference or webinar! All of those previously showing interest have been invited to participate in the Focus Group. ATAC's members will be represented at the meeting by two operator representatives and one MRO representative plus yours truly. Please pass on to me by September 1st any input you have regarding web based consultation, both pro and con. Your experiences, again both good and bad, dealing with other online/web based regulatory consultation, e.g. FAA or EASA, would be extremely helpful.

New Dates for 2009 CARAC Technical Committees

The delay in any consultation of new TCCA regulations and their supporting standards and guidance material continues however the next meeting dates have been firmed up and are **November 2-6, 2009**. These meetings will follow the new concept of grouping consultations together regarding Notices of Proposed Amendment (NPA) to any Canadian Aviation Regulation within the same week to help consolidate attendees travel requirements. For example, there will no separate CASO or M&M meetings. The "CARAC" week will be organized such that related topics will be grouped together on the same day. A pre-CARAC ATAC meeting for members will be scheduled to discuss the issues and proposed amendments at hand. I will let you know as we get closer when the date and time for this meeting will be.

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Ottawa Flying Club Taking Off as Former Astronaut Becomes New CEO

OTTAWA – The Ottawa Flying Club, eastern Canada's oldest flying club established in 1928 and founder of what is now the Ottawa International Airport, is very proud to announce Michael McKay as their new Chief Executive Officer.

Congratulation to the Webster 2009 National Finalists

The Webster competition challenges Canada's amateur pilots nationwide for the opportunity to win the coveted Webster Memorial Trophy awarded to Canada's top amateur pilot. This year 48 competitors have competed for the opportunity to reach the National Finals in Brampton, Ontario, August 19-22.

The top 8 provincial finalists are:

- BC:** Kevin Dhaliwal (Coastal Pacific Aviation)
- AB:** Nicolas Dennison Sneider (Cooking Lake Aviation Academy)
- MB:** John Ferris Painter (Harv's Air Service)
- Northern ON:** Aaron Lehman (Confederation College)
- Western ON:** Phiroze Contractor (Brampton Flight College)
- Eastern ON:** Cory-Daniel Raby (Algonquin College)
- QC:** Matthew Beaumier (Cargair)
- Atlantic Provinces:** Thomas Clark (Moncton Flight College)

Human Resource Study of Commercial Pilots in Canada

The second of 5 cross Canada focus group meetings was held in Calgary on July 20th with strong support by representatives from several of the major airlines in Canada. Tentative dates have been set for additional meetings in Toronto, Winnipeg and Vancouver. For more information contact Wayne via e-mail wgouveia@atac.ca. The contractor is also preparing an industry survey to be sent out to all air operators, please take the time to fill out the survey and have your voice heard on the topic of HR issues for commercial pilots. This project requires your input as a group of aviation industry stakeholders.

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Transport Canada will undertake a Review of Aviation Security Regulations

Transport Canada began an exercise in 2008 of reviewing the regulatory regime that sets out aviation security rules. Currently, the various aviation security legislation is drawn from the Aeronautics Act and its associated regulations. These are available to the public. Specific details are contained in the Air Carrier (and Aerodrome) Security Measures, access to which is restricted to stakeholders only. The regulatory review will attempt to balance the disclosure to the public of more detail while still keeping sensitive items confidential.

The multi-year project has a goal for 2009 of concentrating on aviation security plans regarding airports. The government has funded this effort by \$2.9 million dollars. These regulations will be of particular interest to tenants on the periphery of airports with designated secure areas.

Transport Canada will consult with stakeholder (including ATAC's Security Committee) through the fall of 2009.

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