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Monday, November 17 (Pre-Conference)

12:00 – 16:00 Crescent	Board of Directors' Meeting (Lunch Sponsored by Embraer)	
13:30 – 17:00 Van Horne	Pre-Conference Workshop (Sponsored by ATAC) Human Factors Unplugged: Bias, Behaviour & Performance in Pilot Training <i>Presented by Aleksandra Kapel, Symbiotics</i> How much do you understand the psychology driving pilot performance and training outcomes? This interactive session explores how cognitive judgment, communication style, and individual differences shape performance, CRM, and instructor-pilot dynamics. Join us to gain practical tools for smarter training and a fresh perspective on the people behind the performance.	
16:00 – 17:30 Crescent	Associations Presidents' Meeting (by invitation only)	
18:00 – 20:00	"Usual Suspects Dinner" for Flight Training Community (by invitation only)	
20:00 – 23:00 Square Victoria	"Moose Milk" Reception (Co-Sponsored by Air Inuit, Apex Aircraft Sales, CAE, Global Aerospace, Northern Lights Aero Foundation and PAL Airlines)	     

Tuesday, November 18

07:30 – 17:30 Foyer	Registration	
08:00 – 15:00	Exhibitor Set up	
09:00 – 11:45 Crescent	Cargo Committee > Introductions and Agenda Review <i>David Rankin, ATAC</i> > New Aircraft Spotlight – C408 Aircraft Introduction <i>Greg Fowler, Morningstar Air Express</i> > KF Aerospace ATR72 & B737-800 Combi Conversions <i>Gregg Evjen, KF Aerospace</i> > IATA – Cargo Ops 2026 Market Trends and Key Updates & Special Cargo Shipped by Air <i>John Bernardi, IATA</i> > Transport Canada Air Cargo Security Program <i>Christopher Blain, Transport Canada</i> > Dangerous Goods Update <i>Colleen Tieman, Purolator (Chair of the ATAC DG Committee)</i> > Roundtable and Closing Remarks <i>David Rankin, ATAC</i>	
09:00 – 11:45 Duluth	Flight Training Committee (Session 1) > Opening Remarks & Key Issues Discussion <i>Bob Connors, Waterloo Wellington Flight Centre</i> • Introduction of Julie Mailhot, President and CEO, ATAC > Symbiotics – Informed Selection, Expert Training, Effective People <i>Aleksandra Kapela, Symbiotics</i> • Ab-initio Cadets • Direct Entry First Officer / Captain (inc Command Upgrade) • Cabin Crew for both experienced and non-experienced candidates.	

> AAM Presentation – 2025

Patrick Coulter, FlightSafety Canada

- Focus on the latest regulatory policy updates from the FAA, EASA and TC for the training and licensing of pilots (and engineers)
- Includes updates on simulation, industry challenges and potential EIS dates for the leading OEM's

> Airline Panel Discussion

Facilitator: Dan Glass, Mitchinson Flight Centre

Panel: Matthew Kamstra, Perimeter Aviation; Jean-Baptiste Carré, Select Aviation College; Janathan Lukca, Air Inuit; and Josh Bricker, Porter Airlines

- Future airline hiring requirements, the quality of pilots being hired
- Is there something more FTU's can do to improve training?
- Airline thoughts on iATPL programs and potential partnering with FTU's on career pathways

09:00 – 11:45

Van Horne

Technical Operations and Maintenance, Repair & Overhaul (MRO) Committee – Session 1

> Welcome and Introductions

Les Aalders, ATAC

> Technical Ops & MRO Committee Opening Keynote Presentation

Josh Vanderveen, Air Canada

> TC Operational Airworthiness Updates

Dean Barrett, Transport Canada

- Upcoming Regulatory and Standards Amendments and Advisory Circulars
- AME Training and Licensing Updates
- Canada – EU Bilateral Aviation Safety Agreement (BASA) Update
- TCCA – EASA Maintenance Annex Guidance (MAG) Update
- TCCA bilateral agreements status and plans with FAA, UK CAA and others
- 42nd ICAO Assembly Airworthiness Impacts

> TCCA 5G Update and Discussion

Bruce Kelly and Andrea Watts, Transport Canada

- 5G Radio Frequency Interference with Radio Altimeters and Aircraft Systems

> Industry Open Discussion

- Open discussion regarding TC update items and other hot regulatory topics
- AI as an efficiency tool in aircraft maintenance

> Aviation Week Airline and MRO Industry Trends

Cory Mathews, Aviation Week

10:00 – 10:30

Foyer

Coffee Break

(Sponsored by The Boeing Company)



09:30 – 11:45

Saint-Paul

Joint Environment and Flight Ops Committee

> Welcome and Introductions

Les Aalders, ATAC

> Transport Canada Aviation Emissions Update

Alissa Boardley and Jon Obnamia, Transport Canada

- Carbon Offsetting and Reduction Scheme for International Aviation (CORSIA) Update

> Industry CORSIA and SAF Update

Yue Huang, IATA

> Aircraft Sustainable Flight

Regina Pouzol, Deutsche Aircraft

> Open Discussion

12:00 – 13:30

Centre-Ville
(Lobby Level)

Industry Luncheon

(Co-Sponsored by ATR and NAV CANADA) (Ticketed Event)



> ATAC Awards Presentation

- Lifetime Honoree Award - Les Aalders, ATAC
- Jim Glass Humanitarian Award - Terri Super and Les Little, Super T Aviation/Bar XH Group
- Outstanding Achievement Award - Catherine Press, Chinook Helicopters

> Speaker: Olivier Richer, Nolinor Aviation - AI + Aviation: The Most Untapped Operational Edge

"What if your biggest advantage was already in your data — just waiting to be activated? While most aviation companies are still watching from the sidelines, AI is quietly rewriting the rules of the game. From predictive maintenance to smarter routing and real-time decision-making, this talk will show why Canadian aviation is uniquely positioned to lead a high-altitude tech revolution."

13:45 – 17:00

Duluth

Flight Training Committee (Session 2)

- > **Transport Canada Pilot Training and Licensing Update**
Ryan Johnson and Transport Canada Team
 - Flight Training Updates
 - Licensing Updates
 - Special Projects Update
 - Other Updates
- > **AI Risk Exposure Legal View**
Stéphane Caron, Gowling (Canada) LLP
 - What can we do to prepare for this in the future?
- > **LIFT Update**
 - Opener - Facilitated Learning
 - What it is, and what it is not
 - Why this is important to flight instructing
 - How this is supportive of developing flight instructors
 - Dynamic interaction with the audience led by Josh Bricker

14:00 – 16:00

Notre-Dame

Safety Committee

- > **Welcome and Introductions**
Les Alders, ATAC; David Rankin, ATAC and John Murphy, Canadian North
- > **Transport Canada Collaborative Analysis Group (CAG) Update**
Michel Roy, Transport Canada
- > **C-CAST (Canadian Commercial Aviation Safety Team) Update**
Pierre-Luc Souigny, Benjamin Baker, Steve Roberts, and Bryon Mask, APS Aerospace
- > **Safety Committee Hot Topics**
 - ATAC CAG Steering Committee Update and Outreach
 - SMS Best Practices
 - Using AI to improve Safety
 - Unstable Approaches continued to landing
 - Sharing Safety Corrective Action Plans

14:00 – 16:00

Centre-Ville
(Lobby Level)

Technical Operations and Maintenance, Repair and Overhaul (MRO) Committee – Session 2

- > **Tech Ops and MRO Industry – HR Challenges and Solutions**
 - Human Resource Challenges and Solutions
Anne Downie, KF Aerospace
 - Airlines & MROs Panel Discussion
Benoit Lecours, Air Canada; Dave McLean, Air Transat; Anne Downie, KF Aerospace and Joey Petrisor, Perimeter
- > **Open Discussion**
- > **ATAC Annual MRO Activities Report and Plans**
Les Alders, ATAC

14:00 – 17:00

Crescent

Security Committee (MEMBERS ONLY – NO MEDIA)

- > **Round the table introductions**
 - Nominations for Chair
- > **Transport Canada Update**
Christopher Blain, Stacey Coburn and Martin Gaudet, Transport Canada
 - One Stop Security Measures
 - Enhanced NPS
 - In Flight Security Measures
 - Digital Transformations
 - Security Program for Air Carriers
- > **IATA Global Security Update**
Matthew Vaughan, IATA
- > **CATSA Update - Looking Ahead**
Nils Dolstra, CATSA
 - Strategic Plan
 - NPS
 - CT Deployment
 - Diplomatic Bags
 - Operational Trials

- > **TSA Update**
Zach Landis, Transportation Security Administration
 - TSA Overview
 - Canada AOR's
 - Set up Information for TSA Program
 - Trusted Traveler Program

15:00 – 15:30

Foyer

Coffee Break
(Sponsored by Gowling (Canada) WLG)



16:00 – 17:00

Centre-Ville
(Lobby Level)

Joint Technical Ops, MRO, Flight Ops, and Safety Committee Session on CANGADSS

- > **TCCA briefing on CANGADSS consultation and requirements**
Carlos Carreiro and Caroline Belanger, Transport Canada
- > **CANGADSS: A Joint Operator–Industry Approach to GADSS**
Ruben Stepin, SKYTRAC Systems and Yves Bergeron, Nolinor Aviation

17:00 – 19:00

Tradeshow

Opening Reception in the Tradeshow
(Co-Sponsored by De Havilland Aircraft of Canada)



Wednesday, November 19

07:00 – 17:30

Foyer

Registration

07:15 – 08:15

Tradeshow

Hot and Cold Breakfast in the Tradeshow

08:15 – 08:45

Duluth/Van Horne

91st Annual Meeting

- > Chair's Remarks
- > Treasurer's Report
- > President's Annual Report

08:45 – 09:00

Duluth/Van Horne

David Charles Abramson Memorial Award (DCAM) Presentation

09:00 – 09:20

Duluth/Van Horne

Member Spotlight – Air Inuit
Christian Busch, President and CEO, Air Inuit

09:20 – 10:00

Tradeshow

Coffee Break in the Tradeshow
(Sponsored by Jetstream Aviation Capital)



10:00 – 11:00

Duluth/Van Horne

Plenary Session with Director General, Transport Canada Civil Aviation

- Félix Meunier, Director General, Transport Canada Civil Aviation*
Industry Panel: Aaron Speer, Canadian North; Clark Duimel, Pacific Flying Club; and Gregg Evjen, KF Aerospace
- > Latest TCCA Organization Update including organization structure and personnel
 - > ICAO Updates:
 - 42nd ICAO Assembly outcomes impacting Canada
 - Update on the recent ICAO USOAP (audit) results and plans/actions to address the findings
 - > Government of Canada Initiatives to Improve Skilled Labour Shortage for Aviation Industry
 - > Pilot Medicals – Current Metrics and Plans to improve the overall system efficiency and communication
 - > Level of Service Update
 - Level of Service stats and initiatives to improve any shortfalls due to personnel shortages at HQ and in each region
 - Plans for streamlining documentation processes, i.e. “red-tape reduction” initiatives
 - > 5G Radio Frequency Interference with Aircraft Radio Altimeters
 - Near Term Jan 01, 2026 Plans
 - Long Term (2028 and 2030) Future Plans

11:00 – 12:00

Duluth/Van Horne

Plenary Session on Tariffs and Duties Update for Aviation Transactions

- William Pellerin, Partner, McMillan LLP*
- > Engaging presentation on Aviation tariff updates covering duties on aircraft parts, valuations and origin strategies, imposed duties for maintenance/MRO transactions, mitigation tactics and strategies, with a summary of broader trade risks like sanctions and export controls.

12:00 – 13:30

Tradeshow

Buffet Lunch in the Tradeshow
(Co-Sponsored by Aéroports de Montréal and Air Canada Maintenance)



13:45 – 14:15

Duluth/Van Horne

Plenary Session with the Canadian Centre for Cyber Security
Pat Mountford, Manager Cyber Partnerships

14:15 – 15:15 Duluth/Van Horne	Plenary Session with Transportation Safety Board of Canada <i>Yoan Marier, Chair, and Paul Dittmann, Board Member Transportation Safety Board of Canada</i>
15:15 Duluth/Van Horne	Coffee served in room <i>(Sponsored by De Havilland Aircraft of Canada)</i>
15:15 – 16:30 Duluth/Van Horne	Plenary Session with NAV CANADA <i>NAV CANADA</i> > Introduction: Setting the Context and the Need to Transform <i>Amanda Sarginson</i> > Strategic Direction Update <i>Jeff Dawson and Bob Fiege</i> > Service Delivery & Performance Insights <i>Jeff Dawson and Bob Fiege</i> > Vancouver Airspace Modernization Program (VAMP) <i>Vanessa Robertson</i> > ADS-B Class C, D and E next steps <i>Vanessa Robertson</i>
16:30 – 16:45 Duluth/Van Horne	C-CAST Update <i>Steve Roberts and Bryon Mask, C-CAST</i>
16:45 – 17:00 Duluth/Van Horne	Open Discussion
17:00 – 19:00 Tradeshow	Chair's Reception in the Tradeshow <i>(Co-Sponsored by Avmax)</i>
21:30 – 23:00 Square Victoria	After Hours Night Cap (Cash Bar) > Entertainment – Jazz Trio featuring Danielle Evjen



Thursday, November 20

07:30 – 15:00 Foyer	Registration
07:30 – 08:30 Tradeshow	Hot and Cold Breakfast in the Tradeshow
08:30 – 12:00 Duluth	Flight Training Committee (Session 3) > NAV CANADA <i>Multiple Presenters</i> • Service Delivery & Performance Insights • VFR Metrics Update • Collaboratively Managing Restrictions • Lower Mainland Study • Level of Service Update > Status of Transport of Dangerous Goods (TDG) by Remotely Piloted Aircraft <i>Daniela Marquez Soto, TDG</i> > Canadian In-Flight Information Broadcasting Association Presentation <i>Stephan Edelman</i> • CIFIB brings free in-cockpit weather and traffic services to pilots operating in Canadian airspace by deploying UAT 978 MHz compatible ground stations at locations throughout Canada. > MFC's Strategic Pivot: Shaping Tomorrow's Horizon <i>Chris Walsh MFC</i> • An overview of MFC's strategic shift, highlighting collaborative approaches and future-focused initiatives relevant to today's shared business challenges
08:30 – 12:00 Notre-Dame	Legal Committee ** Eligible for CLE ** (LEGAL COMMUNITY ONLY) > Round the table introductions and opening remarks –Chair <i>Amanda Sarginson, NAV CANADA</i> > HR Legal Update <i>Steven Williams & Lauren Jamieson, Emond Harnden LLP</i> • Maintenance of Activities Process and Replacement Worker Restrictions • Use of s. 107 of the Canada Labour Code

- > **Legal Expertise on Tariffs and Duties**
William Pellerin, McMillan LLP
- > **Transportation Appeal Tribunal of Canada – Overview for navigating the process**
Gary Drouin, TATC
 - Brief overview of TATAC, its mandate and who are the users of Tribunal's services
 - How to prepare for a hearing and options offered to the parties
 - Overview of a hearing process
 - Emerging issues
- > **Canadian Transportation Agency (CTA) Regulatory Update**
Lawrence Chow, CTA
 - Update on both regulatory front and operational front
 - On the operational front, it would be mainly focused on the handling of complaints
 - Where we are at, what are the trends we are seeing

08:45 – 09:45

Mansfield

ATAC Exhibitor Committee with ATAC's President (All Exhibitors Welcome)

09:00 – 12:00

Van Horne

Flight Operations Committee with TCCA and NAV CANADA (Session 1)

- > **Introductions and Agenda Review**
David Rankin, ATAC
- > **Facilitative Ground School Model**
Josh Bricker, Porter Airlines
 - An interactive session on some new training concepts
- > **Turbulence Aware Update - IATA**
Adrian Ganea, IATA
- > **NAV CANADA**
Multiple Presenters
 - Service Delivery and Performance Insights
 - LPV Update
 - Satellite Based WAAS
 - Level of Service Update
 - Airport Construction and Development Outside Airport Property
- > **FMS Guided Visual Approach**
David Rankin, ATAC
 - Open Discussion on FMS Guided Visual Approaches vs. Unaided

09:00 – 12:00

Saint-Denis

Dangerous Goods Committee

- > **Welcome and Introductions**
- > **Members Only – Swap Shop**
 - Review and Approval of Decision Record
 - Open Discussions
- > **Welcome Transport Canada**
Stephen Ellsworth
 - TDG Program Hub Organizational Structure
 - Regulatory Updates
 - CID Challenges
- Daniela Marquez Soto*
 - Remote Piloted Aircraft

09:00 – 12:00

Crescent

Cabin Operations Committee

- > **Introductions and Agenda Review**
Les Aalders, ATAC
- > **Transport Canada Civil Aviation Cabin Safety Update**
Christopher Dann, Transport Canada
 - Update on Turbulence Aware Project
 - Regulatory Revisions
 - Status Updates
 - Exemptions
 - ICAO Cabin Safety Group Update
- > **IATA Cabin Safety Activities and Unruly Passengers**
Jonathan Jasper, IATA
 - Updates on cabin safety from IATA

- > **Turbulence Aware Update – IATA**
Adrian Ganea, IATA
- > **Future Committee Meeting Agenda Topics**
Les Aalders, ATAC
 - Open discussion on future conferences and meetings
- > **Roundtable and Closing Remarks**
Les Aalders, ATAC

10:00 – 10:30
Tradeshow

Coffee Break in the Tradeshow

12:00 – 13:30
Tradeshow

Buffet Lunch in the Tradeshow

13:30 – 16:00
Van Horne

Flight Operations Committee with TCCA and NAV CANADA (Session 2)

- > **Transport Canada Civil Aviation**
Ryan Johnson, Yvan Chabot, Kelsie Doyle and Bruce Kelly, Transport Canada
 - Approved Check Pilot (ACP) Update
 - Regulatory and Standards Amendments
 - Fatigue Risk Management Regulatory Update
 - FDP Proposed Exemption
 - Approach Ban Update
 - 5G Interference Update
- > **Fatigue Risk Management and the CARs**
Matthew van Wollen, Pulsar Informatics
 - An in depth look at different approaches to compliance along with examining fatigue risk management systems, hazards, and analysis
- > **Roundtable and Closing Remarks**
David Rankin, Vice President, ATAC

13:45 – 16:30
Saint-Denis

Dangerous Goods Committee

- > **Updates from GPAC**
- > **ICAO Updates**
David Bolton
- > **Open Discussion**
- > **New Business**

13:45 – 16:30
Duluth

Flight Training Committee (Session 4) (CLOSED SESSION – FTUs ONLY)

- > **HR / Legal FTU Session**
Steven Williams and Lauren Jamieson, Emond Harnden LLP
 - Incoming changes to the Canadian Labour Code
 - Case Law Update
- > **Gender Bias in Assessment**
Naila Ayala, Waterloo Institute for Sustainable Aeronautics (WISA)
 - Wearable sensors and artificial intelligence are opening new opportunities to objectively measure pilot performance and cognitive states during training.
 - By reducing reliance on subjective evaluations, these data-driven methods can strengthen training practices while addressing cultural challenges such as gender bias in assessment.
 - This work highlights how evidence-based measures can support safer, fairer, and more inclusive pilot development.
- > **Flight Training Committee Closed Discussion (FTUs Members Only)**
 - **JB Carré – Select Aviation Chair of Foreign Students Committee – Challenges**
 - Bill 74 – Federal and Provincial Quotas
 - Bill 16 – French Language Requirements in Quebec
 - The Opportunity – NEW ATO Framework
 - **Pan-Canadian Aviation HR Scan**
ATAC HR Committee
This session provides an overview of national aviation workforce trends, challenges and strategies to address skills gaps, recruitment, and retention across Canada’s aviation industry
 - **Closing Discussion on NAV CANADA Level of Service**
Thierry Dugripe, College Air Richelieu

13:30 – 18:00

Tradeshow Teardown

16:30 – 19:00
Square Victoria

Closing Reception
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