



Preliminary Program 2025

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Monday, November 17 (Pre-Conference)

12:00 – 16:00	Board of Directors' Meeting (Lunch Sponsored by Embraer)	
13:30 – 17:00	Pre-Conference Workshop (Sponsored by ATAC) Human Factors Unplugged: Bias, Behaviour & Performance in Pilot Training Presented by Symbiotics 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	Associations Presidents' Meeting (by invitation only)	
18:00 – 20:00	"Usual Suspects Dinner" for Flight Training Community (by invitation only)	
20:00 – 23:00	"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	Registration	
08:00 – 15:00	Exhibitor Set up	
09:00 – 11:45	Cargo Committee	
09:00 – 11:45	Flight Training Committee (Session 1)	
09:00 – 11:45	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 • 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	Coffee Break (Sponsored by The Boeing Company)	
09:30 – 11:45	Joint Environment and Flight Ops Committee	

- > **Welcome and Introductions**
Les Aalders, ATAC
- > **Transport Canada Aviation Emissions Update**
Transport Canada
 - Sustainable Aviation Task Force Update
 - 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

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

Flight Training Committee (Session 2)

14:00 – 16:00

Safety Committee

- > **Welcome and Introductions**
Les Aalders, 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**
Steve Roberts, C-CAST
- > **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

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
Annie Downie, KF Aerospace
 - Airlines & MROs Panel Discussion
Benoit Lecours, Air Canada; Dave McLean, Air Transat; Annie Downie, KF Aerospace and Joey Petrisor, Perimeter
- > **ATAC Annual MRO Activities Report and Plans**
Les Aalders, ATAC

14:00 – 17:00

Security Committee (MEMBERS ONLY – NO MEDIA)

15:00 – 15:30

Coffee Break

(Sponsored by Gowling (Canada) WLG)



16:00 – 17:00

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**
Nolinor Aviation and SKYTRAC Systems

17:00 – 19:00

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



Wednesday, November 19

07:00 – 17:30	Registration	
07:15 – 08:15	Hot and Cold Breakfast in the Tradeshow	
08:15 – 08:45	91st Annual Meeting > Chair's Remarks > Treasurer's Report > President's Annual Report	
08:45 – 09:00	David Charles Abramson Memorial Award (DCAM) Presentation	
09:00 – 09:20	Member Spotlight – Air Inuit <i>Christian Busch, President and CEO, Air Inuit</i>	
09:20 – 10:00	Coffee Break in the Tradeshow <i>(Sponsored by Jetstream Aviation Capital)</i>	
10:00 – 11:00	Plenary Session with Director General, Transport Canada Civil Aviation <i>Félix Meunier, Director General, Transport Canada Civil Aviation</i> > 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	Plenary Session on Tariffs and Duties Update for Aviation Transactions <i>William Pellerin, Partner, McMillan LLP</i> > 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	Buffet Lunch in the Tradeshow <i>(Co-Sponsored by Aéroports de Montréal and Air Canada Maintenance)</i>	 
13:45 – 14:15	Plenary Session with the Canadian Centre for Cyber Security (To be confirmed)	
14:15 – 15:15	Plenary Session with Transportation Safety Board of Canada <i>Yoan Marier, Chair, Transportation Safety Board of Canada</i>	
15:15	Coffee served in room <i>(Sponsored by De Havilland Aircraft of Canada)</i>	
15:15 – 16:30	Plenary Session with NAV CANADA <i>Mark Cooper, President and CEO, NAV CANADA</i> > Intro and Vision for ANS > Strategic Initiatives Update > Financial Outlook – Delivering Customer Value > Service Delivery & Performance Insights > VAMP > Next Steps for ADS-B, Class C, D and E	
16:30 – 16:45	C-CAST Update	
16:45 – 17:00	Open Discussion	
17:00 – 19:00	Chair's Reception in the Tradeshow <i>(Co-Sponsored by Avmax)</i>	
21:30 – 23:00	After Hours Night Cap (Cash Bar) > Entertainment – Jazz Trio featuring Danielle Evjen	

Thursday, November 20

07:30 – 15:00	Registration
07:30 – 08:30	Hot and Cold Breakfast in the Tradeshow
08:30 – 12:00	Flight Training Committee (Session 3)
08:30 – 12:00	Legal Committee ** Eligible for CLE ** (LEGAL COMMUNITY ONLY)
08:45 – 09:45	ATAC Exhibitor Committee with ATAC's President (All Exhibitors Welcome)
09:00 – 12:00	Flight Operations Committee with TCCA and NAV CANADA (Session 1)
09:00 – 12:00	Dangerous Goods Committee
09:30 – 12:00	Cabin Operations Committee
10:00 – 10:30	Coffee Break in the Tradeshow
12:00 – 13:30	Buffet Lunch in the Tradeshow
13:45 – 16:00	Flight Operations Committee with TCCA and NAV CANADA (Session 2)
13:45 – 16:30	Dangerous Goods Committee
13:45 – 16:30	Flight Training Committee (Session 4) (CLOSED SESSION – FTUs ONLY)
13:30 – 18:00	Tradeshow Teardown
16:30 – 19:00	Closing Reception (Sponsored by KF Aerospace)



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