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YVR once again named Best in North America

YVR has been named Best Airport in North America for the third year in a row as part of the 2012 Skytrax World Airport Awards.

YVR also ranked as the top airport in the world in its size category (10- to 20-million annual passengers).

The awards, announced last month in Vienna, Austria, recognize product and service quality from across the world's airport industry and are based on an independent survey of 12-million passengers from 108 countries. Airports were ranked based on 39 criteria, including design and layout, retail facilities, cleanliness, clarity of flight information and signs, luggage handling and transportation.

"The award is a testament to all employees and to the strong partnerships in place at YVR with airlines, government agencies, business partners, retailers and volunteers," said Larry Berg, president and CEO, Vancouver Airport Authority. "More than 23,600 people come to work on YVR's Sea Island home every day: a true community. It is their hard work that is being recognized."

The Fairmont Vancouver Airport Hotel was also recognized for the second year in a row in the Skytrax category for Best Airport Hotel in North America.

"All of us at The Fairmont Vancouver



YVR was named Best Airport in North America for the third year in a row, while The Fairmont Vancouver Airport hotel was ranked Best Airport Hotel in North America as part of the 2012 Skytrax World Airport Awards.

Airport hotel are delighted and proud to receive this incredible recognition for the second year in a row," said Craig Reaume, general manager. "Our incredible hotel is

supported by an outstanding team of hospitality professionals who exemplify engaging service. We look forward to continuing to deliver unrivalled experiences for our guests

and we would like to thank them for their loyalty."

For more information on the awards, visit worldairportawards.com.

Terracotta Warrior connects China, Yukon and YVR



Representatives from Air North, Yukon's Airline, participated in a special North meets South unveiling ceremony of one of the Terracotta Warrior sculptures at YVR.

Last month, a replica sculpture of one of China's famed Terracotta Warriors was unveiled at YVR. The sculpture will be on display at the Air North check-in counter, Domestic Terminal, Departures Level 3 until September 2012.

The sculpture is one of 35 created by British Columbia artists in the image of the warriors from the Terracotta Army in Xian, China. Each sculpture will be sponsored by a local business or individual and exhibited throughout Vancouver. After the display period, the sculptures will be sold at auction and all proceeds will benefit the B.C. Lions Society's Easter Seals services.

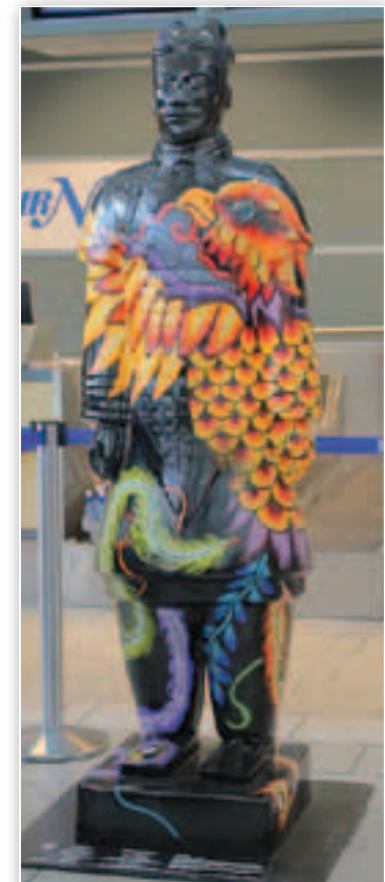
Air North, Yukon's airline, partnered with the MacBride Museum of Yukon History to sponsor two of the Terracotta Warrior sculptures.

"Sponsoring this project is a great opportunity for the Air North family to support an important local charity that will connect history and culture to help strengthen the services offered to Yukon families," said Air North president Joe Sparling. "It is also a way to highlight our North-South connection to Vancouver, a gateway to Whitehorse."

A second sculpture will be on display at the MacBride Museum of Yukon History in Whitehorse from May 17 to September

2012, in conjunction with a collection of Chinese coins that were recently unearthed in the Yukon. It is believed that the coins were either brought to North America by Russians and carried inland by First Nation traders, or left behind by Chinese miners in the late 1800s and early 1900s.

"By sponsoring the Terracotta Warrior project, we are celebrating Yukon's strong historical ties to China and to Asia through trade and transportation," said MacBride Museum executive director Patricia Cuning. "While we celebrate those historical connections, we also look forward to a future of strengthening those ties through



Terracotta Warrior sculpture displayed at the Air North counter at YVR.

business, culture and the arts."

It is believed that the original Terracotta Army sculptures were created in 220 BC by China's Qin Emperor, who was also responsible for constructing the Great Wall of China. The Emperor commissioned thousands of artists to create an army of life-sized sculptures that were positioned around his tomb to protect him in the afterlife.

The sculptures were uncovered by accident in 1974, and the site was opened to the public in 1975.

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Airport Programs

YVR's Automated Border Clearance Program expands



The Automated Border Clearance (ABC) pilot project at Vancouver International Airport (YVR) will expand to other Canadian airports.

A pilot project born at YVR to reduce Customs Hall wait times and improve the overall passenger experience will expand to other Canadian airports this year.

Canada Border Services Agency (CBSA) announced last month that Automated Border Clearance (ABC)—a program launched at YVR in 2009 as a partnership between CBSA and Vancouver Airport Authority—has achieved full program status and will expand to other Canadian airports, starting with Montreal's Pierre Elliott Trudeau International Airport.

Using self-service technology developed by YVR in partnership with CBSA, ABC automates the process of crossing the border into Canada. YVR's 20 kiosks have substantially shortened Customs Hall wait times by taking eligible travellers out of

the traditional process of queuing up at the border inspection line.

Canadian citizens and Canadian permanent residents who have a valid Canadian passport or Canadian permanent resident card have the option of using an ABC kiosk to clear the border upon returning to Canada.

More than 2.4-million passengers have used the service since it was implemented.

YVR has been recognized as an industry leader when it comes to developing initiatives to simplify the passenger experience. In fact, YVR has a number of programs in place to offer ease and speed of transit through its terminals, including Common Use Terminal Equipment and the international standard-setting Common Use Self-Serve check-in kiosks. ✈

Community

YVR celebrates Bike to Work Week



In recognition of Bike to Work Week, May 28 to June 3, Vancouver Airport Authority is holding a workshop to introduce cyclists to the basics of biking to work. This lunch-and-learn session, led by the Vancouver Area Cycling Coalition, will discuss bike safety scenarios, bikes on transit, route planning, attire and gear. Learn something new or come for a refresher!

Open to all employees at YVR, this free workshop will be held in the Oval Room, above trans-border in the International Terminal Building, from 1pm to 2pm on Tuesday, May 22.

To register, please contact the Airport Authority's Environment Department at environment@yvr.ca or 604-276-6656.

Already commuting to YVR on two wheels? Be sure to use one of the five dedicated bicycle racks located through-

out Sea Island at Canada Line Templeton Station, Sea Island Station, Airport South, the International Terminal, Arrivals Level 2, and the Domestic Terminal.

There is also a change room facility in the Domestic Terminal. Contact the Airport Authority's Environment Department at environment@yvr.ca for access.

To find out if your workplace is registered in Bike to Work Week or join a team, log on to biketoworkmetrovan.ca.

June 1 Commuter Station
Visit the YVR Bike to Work Week Commuter Station at Flight Path Park on Friday, June 1 between 4pm and 6:30pm. There will be free snacks, drinks and coffee, plus free bike tune-ups by helpful onsite mechanics. Meet other cyclists, share successes and pick up a bike map to help you explore all areas of YVR's Sea Island home. ✈



"If YVR can get revitalized,
then so can I. If you need me,
I'll be at the spa."

Community

Sea Island offers ample cycling opportunities



The unique natural setting that is YVR makes its Sea Island home an ideal destination for cycling.

YVR's Sea Island home is a perfect destination for cycling. With extensive bike paths and lanes, parking and Canada Line access, biking near the airport is accessible to every level of enthusiast. Home to one of the world's largest salmon runs and an estuary providing a major staging area for migratory birds, the environment surrounding YVR is an ideal natural setting for commute, team or recreational riding.

In 2011, Vancouver Airport Authority completed route enhancements along Inglis Drive and the south end of Templeton Street, and added a connection from the off-road path at the Arthur Laing Bridge to the Templeton Canada Line Station. These

upgrades have helped make Sea Island a cycling destination for everyone.

Maps of Sea Island's different bike paths can be found at on.yvr.ca.

Cycling enthusiast?

Have a true passion for cycling? With the growing number of enthusiasts at YVR, a small group of cyclists is hoping to ride with others as part of a new YVR Cycling Club. Those interested in becoming a member can register as part of a Bike to Work Week workshop on Tuesday, May 22 at 1pm in the Oval Room, above trans-border in the International Terminal.

To register and for more information, contact the Airport Authority's Environment Department at environment@yvr.ca or 604-276-6656. ✈

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Japadog opens YVR location

Community Corner



Employees celebrate the opening of the new airport Japadog cart, located outside International Arrivals, Level 2.



They make the world “alive and happy through hot dogs” – and have grown their Vancouver-born food vendor phenomenon from a single downtown Vancouver location to four, with another in New York City and now, at YVR.

The first airport Japadog cart opened May 1 at Chester Johnson Park located outside International Arrivals, Level 2, and is open daily throughout the summer from 10:30am to 6pm.

The iconic food cart specializes in hot dogs with variants of Japanese-style foods served in the same bun, such as okonomiyaki—a Japanese savoury pancake containing a variety of ingredients—seaweed, teriyaki and even kimchi—a traditional fermented Korean dish made of vegetables with a variety of seasonings.

Stop by today and taste the phenomenon that has taken Vancouver by storm. ✈

FTE 2012 Gala Evening hosted by YVR

The annual Future Travel Experience conference will be held in Vancouver September 5-7, 2012. This year's conference theme is “Advanced collaboration to create a seamless passenger experience.”

Future Travel Experience (FTE) is an independent global forum for travel industry stakeholders that focuses on the end-to-end travel process from the passenger point of view, from the moment of booking through to the collection of baggage at the arrival destination. It will assess how every aspect of the passenger experience on the ground can be improved.

The goal for Future Travel Experience 2012 is to play an important role in creating dialogue between stakeholders and instigate effective new initiatives for the future.

The event will culminate with the Future Travel Experience 2012 Gala Evening hosted by YVR, which will be held at Science World, Vancouver's landmark geodesic dome. The reception will feature entertainment, West Coast-inspired cuisine, cocktails, and the opportunity to experience a selection of Science World's hands-on galleries.

The event will also include the annual



Future Travel Experience Awards presentation ceremony in which the outstanding efforts of organizations which have gone the extra mile to improve the passenger experience are recognized.

2012 FTE Awards categories are:

- Best Check-In Initiative 2012
- Best Baggage Initiative 2012
- Best Airport Security & Immigration Experience 2012

- Best Initiative at the Gate 2012
- Best Arrivals Experience 2012
- Best Use of Mobile Technology 2012
- New – Best Passenger Assistance Initiative 2012.

At the 2011 Awards, YVR won Best Airport Security & Immigration Experience Award for its approach to simplifying the border processing experience. ✈

Lockheed Martin completes delivery of Super Hercules aircraft to Canada



Earlier this month, the Royal Canadian Air Force took delivery of its 17th Lockheed Martin CC-130J Super Hercules, completing the order placed in December 2007.

The original contract called for all 17 aircraft to be delivered by the end of 2012.

“The delivery of the final CC-130J Hercules to the RCAF represents a significant milestone in the history of the RCAF,” said Lt. Col. Colin Keiver, Commanding Officer, 436 (T) Squadron, who took deliv-

ery of the aircraft. “The aircraft has already proven its worth around the world in places like Afghanistan and Libya, as well as here at home in Canada. Our partners at Lockheed Martin have delivered us an aircraft that more than lives up to the motto of 436 Squadron, Onus Portamus or “We carry the load.”

The CC-130J Hercules is a four-engine, fixed-wing turboprop aircraft that can carry up to 92 combat troops or 128 non-combat passengers. It is used for a wide range of

missions, including troop transport, tactical airlift and aircrew training.

While on the outside the CC-130J looks almost identical to the older Hercules, internally the J-model Hercules is essentially a completely new aircraft. The new Hercs fly faster, higher and farther and carry heavier loads while burning less fuel. They can use shorter landing and take-off fields and their climb time is reduced by up to 50 per cent compared to the older models. ✈

FOD Walk and Tarsier system focus on airport safety

The YVR community will come together to focus on safety this May 11 as part of the 20th annual FOD Walk, designed to ensure that YVR's airfield remains FOD-free.

FOD, or foreign object debris, is a substance, debris or article that has the potential to cause damage to an aircraft. Examples include aircraft parts, rocks, broken pavement, zippers, luggage tags and screws.

The annual walk, which begins before sunrise at approximately 4:30am, will see more than 100 volunteers scour the airports runways, taxiways and aprons for FOD.

Each year, FOD costs the international aviation industry billions of dollars in direct and indirect costs and poses a safety risk to aircraft due to the potential for damage.

YVR has an ongoing program that targets FOD. In addition to regular visual inspections, a high-tech radar system helps detect and pinpoint objects on the runways—day or night.

To find out more about YVR's



The high-resolution Tarsier FOD radar detection system sweeps the runway around the clock and, when FOD is detected, triggers an alarm in YVR's operations centre where the user display highlights the object's location.

Tarsier FOD radar detection system, visit yvr.ca. ✈

YVR's Annual Public Meeting happens May 10

As part of YVR's commitment to the communities it serves, Vancouver Airport Authority hosts an Annual Public Meeting to provide an update on its activities of the past year and plans for the year ahead.

All YVR stakeholders—from airline representatives and business partners to government representatives and the public—are invited to attend the 2012 Annual Public Meeting, held Thursday, May 10, 2012 at YVR's East Concourse (Departures Level 3, International Terminal Building).

Topics to be discussed include the

2011 Annual Report and financial statements, as well as airport operations and capital program updates.

At the conclusion of presentations, the public meeting provides an opportunity for guests to ask questions, provide feedback and interact with Airport Authority management and Board members.

The Airport Authority's 2011 Annual Report is available online at yvr.ca and in a printed highlights brochure at the Annual Public Meeting, which will also be streamed live at yvr.ca. ✈

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The British are coming



Virgin Atlantic London-Vancouver flights begin on May 24, 2012.

Anglomania is taking over YVR as excitement builds for the May 24 launch of Virgin Atlantic Airways' new non-stop service from Vancouver International Airport to London Heathrow.

To celebrate its arrival, Virgin Atlantic Airways is giving away two Upper Class cabin tickets from Vancouver to London Heathrow.

The journey begins onboard Virgin Atlantic in its Upper Class cabin, where you will have your own personal suite. With a touch of a button, the seat flips over effortlessly to create a spacious, comfortable bed.

Of course, you might prefer a little nightlife to a nightlight. In which case, with direct aisle access from each suite, it's easy to stroll down to the onboard bar to mix and mingle.

Upon landing at Heathrow, you are invited to freshen up with a hot shower, clothes pressing and breakfast at Revivals, the Virgin Atlantic arrivals lounge. When it's time to return to Heathrow, you'll be whisked through Virgin Atlantic's Private Security Channel, and within minutes you'll be relaxing at their award-winning Heathrow Clubhouse.

To enter, visit one of YVR's participating retailers or Customer Care counters and pick up a ballot. Contest ends May 31, 2012. Limit one entry per person. View full contest rules and details on YVR's website: yvr.ca.

Many of the airport's retailers are also embracing all things British and offering special deals on English brands, flavours and services throughout the month of May.

For those after the London look, Shades of Time is offering 10 per cent off its Burberry sunglasses.

Vancouver Marketplace and Mountain Style are also offering deals on tea items and accessories.

For a taste of England, Koho Restaurant & Bar, Milestones and Galiano Bakery & Café have added famous English fare like fish and chips, bangers and mash and scones to their menus.

For a truly British experience, Fairmont Vancouver Airport continues its popular traditional afternoon tea at Globe@YVR. In celebration of Virgin's arrival, a two-for-one tea offer is in place, Monday through Friday, throughout the month of May.

For a full list of participating retailers and specials, visit yvr.ca. ➔

Branson creates ice cubes in his image



The Virgin Atlantic 'Little Richard' ice cube.

In celebration of Virgin Atlantic's new in-flight bar, starting this month upper-class cabin passengers on select Virgin Atlantic flights will be served ice cubes in the shape of the airline's boss Sir Richard Branson.

The ice cubes have been shaped to scale using the exact measurement of Sir Richard's head. Using photographic techniques and laser scanning technology, it took a team of designers four weeks to create the mould for the ice cubes.

The result is a likeness that captures Sir Richard's signature locks, goatee and wide grin.

According to Steve Ridgway chief

executive of Virgin Atlantic, Sir Richard's schedule makes it impossible for him to sit and enjoy a drink with all of the airline's passengers, "now he is able to join (the airline's) guests in spirit."

The 'Little Richard' ice cubes are the latest in a long list of publicity stunts used by Sir Richard to promote his many ventures. These have included donning a wedding dress, dressing as a Zulu warrior and conducting a press conference in a spacesuit. He has also driven down New York's Fifth Avenue in a tank and crossed the English Channel from Dover to Calais in an amphibious car. ➔

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New Service

Orca Airways launches Vancouver-Nanaimo flights



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Flights will operate daily, Monday to Friday and on Sunday, departing Nanaimo at 8am and 5:30 pm, arriving in Vancouver 20 minutes later.

The return service will depart Vancouver on the same days at 7:15am and 4:45pm.

Introductory Vancouver-Nanaimo fares are \$109 one-way or \$199 round trip.

Based in Richmond, Orca Airways is a family-owned airline that was

founded in 2005 providing service from YVR to Tofino airport.

In addition to providing scheduled passenger service to the B.C. gateways of Victoria, Parksville, Abbotsford, Tofino, Ucluelet and Qualicum Beach, the airline also provides cargo service and on-demand charters anywhere in North America.

Orca Airways operates one of the largest fleets (18) of small aircraft in Western Canada, consisting of Beechcraft and Piper Navajo aircraft.

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Air Traffic

British Airways marks 85 years of inflight service

On May 1, British Airways marked the 85th anniversary of inflight meal service on a commercial aircraft.

In 1927, Imperial Airways (predecessor to British Airways) introduced the Silverwing-branded air service on the London to Paris route. The flight offered the first luxury onboard meal service. A male steward dressed in a smart white tunic served just 10 passengers on the flight, which took around two hours.

Onboard was a small cabinet carrying four servings of whisky, a dozen bottles of lager beer, two siphons of sparkling water and 12 assorted bottles of mineral water. They also carried a packet of sandwiches or biscuits and one or two thermos flasks of hot water, within which the steward made coffee or beef tea to nourish the passengers during the flight.

The service represented the height of luxury, since up until this time passengers had to fend for themselves, packing homemade snacks for the journey.

Fast forward to 2012, British Airways' cabin crew serve around 100,000 meals a day to customers, often with more than one meal on an individual flight. The 14,000 crew are trained in the art of premium service. They are taught skills which include



Then—1920s Imperial Airways (pre-cursor to British Airways) Handley bi-plane.

how to tell a Merlot from a Shiraz, how to cook the perfect scrambled eggs and how to re-create a five-star turndown service.

"At British Airways we have an incredible history," said Bill Francis, British Airways' head of inflight service. "We've developed the service to our customers and even as we've grown from small propeller

aircraft to 747s, we've managed to maintain the magic that makes flying special."

The British Airways Heritage Collection opened in November 2011 at British Airways' head office in London, England, and is open to members of the public. Information from the collection can also be found online at ba.com/heritage. ✈



Now—The combined International Airlines Group entity, which British Airways is now a part of, operates more than 400 aircraft, carries more than 62-million passengers annually and serves more than 200 destinations.

Sunglasses provide protection and style

Many people find direct sunlight too bright for comfort during outdoor activities. Healthcare professionals recommend eye protection whenever the sun comes out to protect the eyes from ultraviolet radiation (UV) and blue light, which can cause several serious eye problems.

Medical experts advise the importance of wearing sunglasses to protect the eyes from UV for adequate protection.

In addition to providing much-needed eye protection, sunglasses are available in a variety of styles that are flattering to many face shapes. They may be made with either prescription or non-prescription lenses that are darkened to provide protection against bright visible light and UV light.

Photochromic lenses, which are photosensitive, darken when struck by UV light.

Selecting a pair of sunglasses with the right colour lens can be a challenge, as there are usually several choices from which to choose—Oakley Sunglasses offers more than 40 lens colours.

There are two types of lenses contrast or neutral. Contrast lenses emphasize specific colours and make them appear to pop against the background.

Neutral lenses allow the wearer to see everything exactly in the colour it should be. The only change is the light's intensity. Neutral colours are amongst the best used for everyday, casual wear.



Grey is the most common colour used—light grey is good for medium light situations, while grey polarized works well in medium to bright light.

Other neutral colours include Ice Iridium (blue) tinted lens—good for bright light situations and for those who aren't afraid to make a fashion statement—and Emerald Iridium (green).

Contrasting lenses such as brown and rose-coloured are recommended for golfers, since these colours enhance depth perception—important for golfers to judge how hard to hit the ball and read the greens. ✈

The colour and darkness of the tint in lenses affect only the amount of visible light that passes through the lenses. For general purpose wear, choose the highest transmission that will be comfortable in both sunny and overcast conditions.

For more information on finding the right lens colour for your needs, visit the Shades of Time – Oakley Trunk Show at YVR, 9am to 1pm, Friday May 18 across from International check-in counters and receive a free gift (\$30 value) with any Oakley sunglass purchase.

Airport employees receive a 20 per cent discount. ✈

Health & YVR



By Ashley Page, RMT
Airport Rehabilitation and Wellness

This Health & Wellness column features medical, dental and health information from a variety of trained professionals each month. Send us a question that you would like answered on any of these areas of health and wellness.

Prevention and treatment of postural strain



Poor posture is often the culprit in postural strain. While good posture supports the strength and stability of the spine, poor posture—which can occur while standing, sleeping, playing sports or sitting—forces muscles and ligaments to work harder to keep the posture balanced.

If you have ever found yourself hunched over in your chair, crossing your legs or talking on the phone with your head to one side for long periods of time, then your body may be experiencing postural strain.

Symptoms of postural strain include pain, tiredness or headaches.

Poor posture results in certain muscles tightening up or shortening while others lengthen and become weak. If muscles are contracted or tightened for an extended period of time, the circulation to the muscle becomes restricted because of continuous compression of the blood vessels. At the same time, the muscle's requirement for oxygen has increased due to the contraction, so the blood supply to the muscles is not matching the muscles demands.

When this happens the body responds by sending cells that lay down a fibrous connective tissue within the muscle to provide support to the fatigued muscle. Over time, these muscles become ropery or leather-like and painful knots develop in the muscle.

Muscles that are relaxed require less blood supply compared with those involved in repetitive rhythmic contractions such as exercise. Not only do you need to stimulate your muscles to grow,

you must also provide them with enough rest and relaxation to heal and repair themselves so they will grow stronger.

While most people experience some sort of muscle tension at one time or another, when it occurs it should not be ignored as its cause can stem from a variety of factors.

The most effective approach to postural strain is prevention and/or treatment.

Some ways in which you can reduce muscle tension and poor-posture habits include making sure that your desk is in proper ergonomic alignment—sit square on to your computer; knees should be right angle to floor. Take a break to move around at least every half hour. Stand up, stretch arms to your sides, then pull them back by squeezing the shoulder blades.

Additionally, receiving regular chiropractic treatment and having a simple exercise routine to follow are some of the best ways to treat and prevent postural strain.

Ashley Page is a Registered Massage Therapist at the Vancouver Medical Clinic, Domestic Terminal Level 1. For more information, call 604-207-6900. ✈

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Optimized for short-haul operations, Bombardier's 70- to 80-seat Q400 NextGen aircraft is a large, fast, quiet and fuel-efficient turboprop.

WestJet has selected Bombardier's Q400 NextGen turboprop aircraft to be used in its new regional airline service, which it anticipates will begin in the second half of 2013.

WestJet had narrowed the choice of airline between the Q400 and the ATR-72, a twin-engine turboprop built by the French-Italian aircraft manufacturer ATR.

"We are very impressed with the Q400," said Gregg Saretsky, WestJet chief executive, in a statement. "Both ATR and Bombardier put forward excellent proposals and ultimately we believe the Bombardier Q400's combination of range, speed and seat density is the best choice to meet the needs of the market and how we plan to operate the regional airline."

The initial order will be for 20 Q400s with the option to purchase another 25 aircraft.

The order is valued at \$600-million, but could grow to \$1.35-billion if all options are exercised.

"We are thrilled to learn that WestJet

has selected the Q400 NextGen aircraft for its fleet expansion requirements," said Mike Arcamone, president, Bombardier Commercial Aircraft. "This same aircraft kicked off its world tour in March 2012 with a visit to Calgary, Alberta – home of our WestJetters friends and was able to successfully showcase why our new-generation turboprop aircraft fits perfectly with WestJet's brand. We are pleased to welcome WestJetters to the Bombardier family and we look forward to continuing to work with the WestJet team to finalize the purchase agreement related to its selection of the Q400 NextGen aircraft."

WestJet said it expects to announce its initial regional schedule later in 2012.

WestJet has reported net earnings of \$68.3-million, or 49 cents a share, for the first quarter of 2012, up 42 per cent from the \$48.2-million, or 34 cents a share, it earned for the same period last year, and 11 cents more a share than analysts had been expecting, according to Bloomberg estimates. ✈

New all-inclusive resort opens in Cancun

Travel Talk



Iberostar Hotels has opened its ninth Mexican resort—an all-inclusive oceanfront property in Cancun.

The Iberostar Cancun is a fully remodelled, five-star facility with 426 rooms, 224 of which have ocean views.

The property also has seven pools, an

18-hole golf course, tennis courts, a gym, a soccer field, a luxury spa, a kids club and a convention centre.

The Iberostar Cancun is the only resort in Cancun to feature both golf and spa facilities onsite.

Daily activities include dance lessons,

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The resort's all-inclusive service also includes kayaking, snorkeling, sailing and windsurfing.

For more information, visit iberostar.com/resorts. ✈

Summer cocktails from around the world



Originating in Peru, the pisco sour is a cocktail typical of western South American cuisine.

Summertime is on the horizon and as May heralds flowers, soon summer will be in full swing. Hot summer days and nights bring to mind brunches, barbecues and summer cocktails. Wherever you visit, each country has its national drink that adds a nice splash to summer celebrations.

In Canada, the Bloody Caesar—vodka, Clamato juice and seasonings—is a favourite addition at summer brunches. In Cuba the Mojito—rum, lime, syrup and soda water—is considered the perfect drink to enjoy in the tropical heat.

Ranging from the tangy to the fruity, there is a world of cocktails that provide the perfect summer refreshment. Following is a sampling of some national concoctions from around the globe.

Peru : Pisco Sour

This drink was invented in Peru by an American bartender during the early of the 20th century. Made of pisco brandy, lime juice, syrup, egg white and bitters, this is the best-known cocktail from South America. Though not as well-known as its whiskey cousin, the Pisco Sour is worth trying.

Puerto Rico : Pina Colada

It's hard to think of a drink more tropical than this one. Made with rum, cream of coconut and pineapple juice, it was invented in Puerto Rico in 1954 and has since been proclaimed the island's official drink. The richness of the cream of coconut mixes with the sweet acidity of the pineapple juice to give a frothy cooling taste to the palette. The addition of a little umbrella in the glass adds to the feeling of summer well-being.

Spain : Sangria

Originating in Spain, it is typically made with red wine, brandy and fresh



Created in Puerto Rico, the piña colada is a sweet, rum-based cocktail.

peaches, melons, citrus or berries, which add tanginess. The varying combinations of spices such as nutmeg or cumin add an exotic tastiness. Sangria can be the perfect accompaniment to a light summer meal or a few tapas.

England : Pimm's Cup

A proper English Pimm's Cup is made with Pimm's No. 1—a brand of gin infused with citrus, spices and herbs—mixed with lemonade, soda water, cucumber and sometimes fresh fruit. Best known as the traditional drink of Wimbledon, in recent years it's been enjoyed year-round.

Singapore : Singapore Sling

Famously sipped by Hunter S. Thompson in the movie *Fear and Loathing in Las Vegas*, the Singapore Sling was invented at Singapore's famous Raffles Hotel in the years before the First World War. The rose-coloured concoction with its signature foamy pink head consists of gin, Heering's cherry liqueur, Benedictine, grenadine, lime juice and pineapple juice. It has a fruity, cherry-hinted tartness.

Brazil : Caipirinha

Brazil's national cocktail is made with the country's best known spirit, cachaça (rum distilled from sugar cane), raw sugar and lime. In place of lime, a wide variety of fresh fruits can be used. The first warm days of spring through the end of summer are best suited for enjoying this refreshing drink.



In 1840, James Pimm, first invented and sold his thirst-quenching Pimm's No. 1 Cup cocktail, dishing it out in a small sized tankard called the 'No1 cup', hence the name.

Mexico : Margarita

Made with its national spirit, tequila, and immortalized by Jimmy Buffett, the margarita is enjoyed around the world. Though flavoured variations have worked their way onto menus—raspberry, blood orange, peach and even cayenne pepper—the original margarita is elegantly simple: a blend of white tequila, orange liqueur and lime juice shaken and served over ice in a salt-rimmed glass. Best of all, you can fly from Vancouver to Los Cabos in less than four hours to enjoy the real thing.

Visit yvr.ca to see how you can get to these and many other destinations. ✈



The original recipe for the Singapore Sling was lost in the 1930s and the drink currently served at Raffles Hotel, where it was created, is based on memories of former bartenders and written notes that they were able to discover.

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May 10, 2012**Vancouver Airport Authority Annual Public Meeting**

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June 4-6, 2012**6th Annual Facility, Operations and Airport Managers Conference**

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June 16-17, 2012**YPK Canada West Aviation Expo**

Pitt Meadows Regional Airport, Pitt Meadows, BC 10am-4pm.

Fly-in with no landing fees and no parking fees.

This is an event open to all business, government, non-profit or private entities/organizations/individuals with a desire to build a community to display their interests, and provide informational and educational opportunities to the general public. For additional information, email Doug Stead at Doug@cypk.com.

June 26, 2012**YVR Koffee Klutch Golf**

GreenAcres Golf Course, 5040 No. 6 Road, Richmond, BC

Registration: 12pm, Shotgun Start: 1pm, Entry Fee: \$125 (includes dinner); dinner only \$56. Send entry details by May 15 or questions to: Sharlene Mooney at sharlene_mooney@yvr.ca or call 604-273-1121. Golf Cart Rental: \$36 + HST.

July 7-8, 2012**Summit Custom Brokers 5th Annual Summer Softball Slam**

King George Park, 4111 Jacombs Rd, Richmond, BC

Prizes, silent auction, beer garden, food, entertainment, slo-pitch. Proceeds go to Hope

for Kids, benefiting the Richmond community.

Early-bird registration before June 15, 2012: \$375 per team. After June 15, 2012 \$500 per team. To register, call (604) 278-3551 or email summitivr@summitcb.com.

July 28, 2012**Boundary Bay Airshow 2012**

Boundary Bay Airport, 7800 Alpha Way, Delta, BC

One of Delta's most popular events, the Boundary Bay Airshow is one of the last free-admission shows and now attracts more than 10,000 attendees. Families enjoy the exhilarating air performances and static aircraft displays, as well as children's activities, refreshments and much more offered throughout the day. For more information, visit czbb.com.

August 10-12, 2012**Abbotsford Airport Airshow 2012**

Abbotsford Airport, 30440 Liberator Avenue, Abbotsford, BC

The 2012 Abbotsford Airshow will celebrate its 50th anniversary. A roster of world-class flying events and onsite displays are being planned for the celebration. For more information, visit abbotsfordairshow.com.

August 23, 2012**YVR for Kids**

Quilchena Golf & Country Club

Gala Dinner and Auction, Sheraton Vancouver Airport Hotel, Richmond, BC

Since the event's transformation from a golf tournament to a philanthropic outreach for the airport community, in excess of \$3-million has been raised for children's charities. YVR for Kids will celebrate its 21st year serving the community, with many more legacies to come. For more information, visit yvrforkids.com. ✈

Reminiscing about the Canso

By Jack Schofield



The Canadian-built Consolidated PB5A Catalina is familiarly called a Canso.

Recently, I witnessed the arrival in Victoria of a bright yellow Consolidated PB5A aircraft—an amphibious version of the flying boat also known as the Canso.

The aircraft was landing at the right airport for a Canso because Victoria airport had been the home of two squadrons of Cansos during the Second World War. This one was left over from a peacetime role as a water bomber and returning to home base, so to speak.

A few other things came to mind as the aircraft taxied off the runway and parked adjacent to the flying club—where during the war years it would have been right where it belonged.

The first memory was of my personal connection to Cansos. It was the type of aircraft in which I first flew as a 16-year-old air cadet. Many years later, I determined from a flight book log entry that the flight engineer on that long flight had been my wife's father. Talk about the small world of aviation!

The other thing that came to mind as I witnessed the return of this 'prodigal son' was the little-known fact that the Boeing Company had a Vancouver factory dating from the pre-war days when they were located in Coal Harbour building these little flying boats.

This continued during the war years at Vancouver airport where Cansos and Catalinas were built under contract with Consolidated Aircraft Co.

The company producing these aircraft was called Boe/Can and its huge factory stretched along the south area of YVR that is now home to the BCIT hangar and its adjacent buildings. That particularly rough taxi-way across the highway from the Flying Beaver Bar and the area now used for aircraft parking was once the floor of the factory and was witness to the manufacture of more than 300 Catalinas and Cansos from 1942 until 1945. Late in the war, the factory built fuselage sections for the B29 Super Fortress and employed more than 4,000, mostly women, workers.

So here was history represented in this one remaining aircraft type, which during my youth were so plentiful that you rarely looked skyward without seeing one flying past at the amazing speed of 185 kilometres per hour.

Lock Madill was a production test pilot for Boe/Can during those years, having started with the company when they were filling an order from the Royal Canadian Air Force for 55 of these aircraft. Madill told me that it was quite common to see the hangar doors open and a new PB5 roll out

almost every day. He would take delivery of the new planes, and perform a standard flight test on each aircraft, rarely running into more than little glitches that were quickly repaired.

"We had one test flight that nearly resulted in a [crash]," said Madill. "They had not only cross-wired the aileron trim tabs in this ship, but there was a twist in the wing resulting from a faulty assembly jig. The combination gave the ship a seemingly insatiable desire to do a wingover and we were lucky to determine the problem with the trim tabs soon enough to correct it and get back safely onto the runway."

"The only other problem I recall is the time we had to drive the aircraft into a snow bank to stop it. The nose wheel shimmy damper was defective and the plane nearly shook itself to pieces during the landing roll-out, so we put it out of its misery by [crashing] into a snow bank on the side of the runway."

"And then there was the time we had a gasoline fire in the cockpit from a defective heater at the navigator's table and had to perform the landing with my head out of the cockpit window as the cabin was full of smoke—and no goggles."

Madill's original insistence that the Canso test flights were all a piece of cake seemed to have evaporated as he recalled these incidents, which culminated with what he described as the best of them all:

"In the winter of 1945, we had completed all the test flights of one aircraft, and were taxiing around on the river while the crew checked for leaks. The engineer on this trip said he had a very important urgent job to do and this aircraft was not yet fitted with a potty, so he decided to use the rear hatch under the tail. Just at the crucial moment I ran afoul of a sandbar and had to pour on the power to avoid getting hung up. The tail went down in the water and I heard a loud yell. I turned in time to see the engineer coming through the rear bulkhead on a wall of water, his pants full of water—and that water was mighty cold—and ballooning like a parachute. It took half an hour to pump the bilges before we could go up the ramp, and the engineer never spoke to me again."

Madill's reminiscences of his Canso experiences guarantee this aircraft's immortality in the minds of all who hear them. ✈

Jack Schofield has written several books on coastal aviation and has adapted his first two books to a TV screenplay.

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WestJet unveils electric baggage tug

WestJet celebrated Earth Day 2012, April 22, by showcasing its newest environmental innovation, a baggage tug which runs on rechargeable lithium polymer batteries.

The tug, which resembles a small tractor, pulls baggage carts to and from the aircraft and is the first of its kind to operate on this type of battery.

As part of a pilot project, the airline worked alongside Corvus Energy, a Richmond-based technology company, to re-engineer the tug to be powered by lithium polymer batteries, removing the need for any fossil fuel to power the equipment.

"The successful integration of Corvus Energy's lithium ion battery systems into WestJet's ground support equipment represents a tremendous validation of our technology," said Brent Perry, chief executive officer of Corvus Energy. "The introduction of a lithium ion GSE solution is a significant development for the aviation sector in terms of environmental impact and worker safety and we're pleased to be at the forefront."

Airlines have wanted to improve electric units for many years said Perry. "To date, our solution is the only battery technology that requires no maintenance, works in extreme cold or hot temperatures, as well as charging faster and outlasting the incumbent technology. It represents a major advance in the aviation industry with massive market potential."

The change to electric power has allowed the airline to continue its focus on on-time performance, as baggage can be transported to and from the aircraft



WestJetter Leigh Hoey sits atop WestJet's lithium polymer-powered baggage tug, developed in partnership with Corvus Energy of Richmond, BC. The technology allows the airline to transport baggage to and from the aircraft without the use of fossil fuels. (CNW Group/WestJet)

on approximately 11 flights per day on a single charge.

This month, two electric baggage tugs will arrive in Whitehorse for the launch of WestJet's daily service to the area, which begins May 17. The airline expects the technology to be effective in the Yukon's cold weather temperatures where lead-acid batteries are prone to freezing and cannot be recharged once frozen, and where gas-powered tugs are not permitted in the airport's ground-level baggage areas.

In November 2011, WestJet attained gold certification under the Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) program for its Calgary campus.

Schools concerned about changes to Canadian Visa services

Visa services in Canadian embassies in Germany, Japan, Iran, Malaysia and Bangladesh were closed earlier this month and applications will now be shipped to other countries for processing.

Applications from Japan, for example, will now be processed in Manila in the Philippines and those from Bangladesh will be processed in Singapore.

According to some schools, the government's decision to stop processing Canadian visas at these embassies will affect the number of foreign students coming to Canada to study.

Brent Poole, the president of the Canadian Association of Public Schools International, said the changes were a com-

plete surprise to the education industry in Canada.

Poole said the closures will turn a two-week wait for a visa in those countries into a 13-week wait, which could affect students' decisions on choosing destinations for working holidays and study.

"Teaching English is very competitive," said Poole. "England, the United States and Australia are all trying to attract the same students. Delays in getting people to Canada won't help."

Poole said foreign students contribute \$6.5-billion a year to the Canadian economy and more than \$1.5-billion in B.C., and the delays would impact more than classroom numbers. ✈

Aviation News

Canada and Japan begin talks on aviation maintenance

Canada and Japan are working to reach a technical agreement on aviation maintenance. Under this agreement, each country's aviation authority would recognize aviation maintenance performed under the rules of the other country as if the work had been performed under its own rules.

"Japan is an important and long-standing air transport partner for Canada," said Denis Lebel, Minister of Transport, Infrastructure and Communities. "This technical agreement will keep our aviation systems safe while avoiding unnecessary and costly delays for air operators and travellers."

The air maintenance agreement will build on the collaborative relationship that already exists between Canada and Japan's aviation authorities. For example, in September 2011, negotiations led to an expansion of the bilateral air transport agreement, providing more possibilities for air services between the two countries.

The expanded arrangement includes greater access for Canadian airlines to Tokyo's Narita Airport and added flexibility for airline routings. It also includes additional rights for services between Canada and Japan through third countries. ✈

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New air transport agreements with Colombia, Honduras, Nicaragua, Curaçao and Sint Maarten



Last month, the Government of Canada announced air transport agreements with countries in central and South America and the Caribbean. These agreements provide businesses, travellers and shippers with more flight options and air routes to the following destinations.

Colombia

One of Canada's largest air transport

markets in South America and an important bilateral aviation partner. This first-time agreement allows airlines to operate passenger and all-cargo services between Canada and Colombia and to combine such air services with select third-countries. Additionally, the agreement allows airlines in both countries to code-share flights.

Honduras, Nicaragua, Curaçao,

and Sint Maarten

The new agreement with Honduras will allow Canadian airlines to introduce and subsequently expand scheduled air services to Honduras. The agreement will take effect once it is ratified by both countries.

The Open Skies-type agreements with Nicaragua, Curaçao and Sint Maarten will allow Canadian air carriers to expand exist-

ing services.

The agreements are part of the federal government's implementation of Canada's 2006 Blue Sky policy, the goal of which is to encourage the development of new markets, new services and greater competition. For travellers, this means more choices in terms of destinations, flights and routes. ➔

NAV Canada projects 20-million tons of emission reductions

NAV Canada, the country's air navigation service provider, has released a report detailing its progress in efforts to reduce aviation-related greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions through improvements to air traffic flows.

The report projects fuel and GHG emissions savings of \$7-billion and 20.6-million metric tons between 1997 and 2020 from collaborative initiatives between the air navigation service provider and its customers to improve flight efficiency.

"I am incredibly proud of the progress we continue to make together on these important issues," said John Crichton, NAV Canada president and CEO. "The expansion of surveillance, combined with new air traffic management tools and onboard navigational technologies are

enabling efficiency improvements that substantially reduce fuel burn and benefit the environment."

The report, entitled Collaborative Initiatives for Emissions Reductions (CIFER) Status Update 2012, is released annually by NAV Canada and provides updates on individual initiatives and forecasts estimated achievable benefits. Efficiency programs currently in place and plans for the future are detailed.

Marking 15 years as Canada's private sector civil air navigation services provider, with operations across the country, NAV Canada provides air traffic control, flight information, weather briefings, aeronautical information services, airport advisory services and electronic aids to navigation. ➔



One of the products of burning hydrocarbons in oxygen is water vapour, a greenhouse gas. Water vapour produced by aircraft engines at high altitude, under certain atmospheric conditions, condenses into droplets to form condensation trails, or contrails.

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NOTICE OF ANNUAL PUBLIC MEETING

The Board of Directors of Vancouver Airport Authority wishes to remind the community that the Annual Public Meeting will be held to present the Airport Authority's 2011 Annual Report and financial statements. The meeting is scheduled for:

3:30 p.m. Thursday, May 10
East Concourse, Departures Level
International Terminal Building
Vancouver International Airport
Richmond, BC

A live stream of this meeting will be available at www.yvr.ca

The 2011 Annual Report is available at www.yvr.ca

Please submit advance questions to Community_Relations@yvr.ca by 5 p.m. on Tuesday, May 08, 2012.

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The airport's inaugural Mini Expo and Airport Days Open House will be held on Saturday June 16 and Sunday June 17, 2012.

Saturday will feature displays by airport businesses, a fly-in breakfast and a three-hour seminar.

There will be no landing or parking fees charged during the two-day event.

Saturday June 16

Fly-In Breakfast

Attendees are encouraged to participate in the fly-in breakfast, presented by Mission Aviation Fellowship (MAF) at the airport's Runway Café, beginning at 9am.

MAF is a Christian, humanitarian relief and development organization that has been providing emergency, medical and development flights to thousands of children and families around the world. MAF operates more than 150 aircraft—the world's largest fleet of privately owned aircraft—in more than 2,500 unimproved strips in more than 35 of the world's poorest countries. Visit mafcanada.ca to learn more about the organization.

Cost for breakfast is \$10 per person—fly in, drive in or walk in, all are welcome.

Rust Remover Seminar

On Saturday afternoon, June 16, the tradeshow will include a Transport Canada-approved Rust Remover seminar hosted by Pacific Rim Aviation Flight Training Centre, which will run from 1pm - 4:30pm.

The Rust Remover seminar is a valid and beneficial way for pilots to complete their two-year recurrent training requirement.

The three-hour seminar will be broken into two sections and will start with the pilot thought processes for the planning stages of a cross-country flight and connect this to topics such as:

- Practical weight and balance

- Fuel planning and management
- Aircraft airworthiness and required documents
- Obtaining and interpreting weather and NOTAM information
- NAVCAN online flight plan filing
- Uncontrolled airport arrival and departure procedures.

The second half of the seminar will include a visit from a YPK Tower aircraft controller who will answer questions and address the ways in which pilots can make the aircraft controller's job easier.

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A Hangar Dance sponsored by the Aero Club of BC, with music supplied by the Bruce James Orchestra swing band, will run from 6pm-11pm.

The Hangar Dance will be held in the Pacific Rim Aviation Hangar from 6pm - 11pm.

Parking will be available in the main parking lot.

Sunday, June 17

Community Family Airport Day

Sunday is the Community Family Airport Day, with tons of things to see and do for the family. Come out and watch flights from the patio of the Runway Cafe, see skydiving demos, view static displays of airplanes and experience a free sightseeing flight from the airport, which will be open and fully operating for the entire day.

There will be a children's airplane train, a motorcycle show, a car and plane show 'n shine, skydiving and COPA for Kids free flights.

The YPK Airport Day event is open to all business, government, non-profit or private entities/organizations/individuals with a desire to build community to display their interests, and provide informational and educational opportunities to the general public.

If you are interested in having your own display on Sunday, please contact Doug Stead at doug@cypk.com.

For Saturday Mini Trade Show, contact Trevor Sandwell at sandwell@live.ca.

Saturday, June 16 & Sunday, June 17, 2012



Pitt Meadows Airport Business Directory

Pitt Meadows Airport is home to many businesses in the aviation industry—from small local to large international companies.

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Money Matters

Testamentary Trust to protect estate transfer

By Peter Kutney

As the Canadian population ages and personal wealth increases, a growing number of couples have become concerned about the potential negative financial consequences of passing their estates on to their children.

Many Canadian couples will die with a net worth of \$1-million or more and a surprising number of these couples have never properly planned on how this wealth will be transferred to the next generation in a tax-efficient manner. Many are worried about probate and estate taxes.

The life insurance industry has played a major role in developing financial products and policies to assist in the transfer of wealth in a tax-efficient manner at death. Since life insurance provides a tax-free payout at death, a life insurance policy is often used to fund the tax and probate liabilities at death. It should be noted, though, that life insurance is only one factor that older Canadians should consider when planning their estates.

What if you are leaving wealth to a disabled child? What about a cottage left to multiple children who do not get along? What if you don't want your child's spouse or common-law partner to gain access to your child's inheritance upon the failure of their relationship?

A solution to these and many similar problems could be a testamentary trust.

A trust is created when one party (the settler) transfers assets to a trust and another party is responsible to deal with the assets (the trustee) for the benefit of named parties (beneficiaries). All this is done based on instructions that you have left to the trustee on how the assets and income they generate are to be used.

A testamentary trust is created through a will and becomes effective at one's death. Testamentary trusts can provide tax benefits, protect assets from creditors and provide control of assets for disabled or spendthrift children.

One of the major benefits of a testa-

mentary trust is the protection of assets from creditors and spouses of beneficiaries. By settling a trust in your will and transferring your child's inheritance to this trust, you can potentially shield these assets from anyone attempting to make a claim against your child.

This works by transferring your child's inheritance to a trust rather than to your child, creating a legal barrier between your child and the assets held in trust. Technically speaking, your child does not own the assets or have the ability to get to the assets: they are owned by the trust.

If your child is in a profession or business prone to litigation, this is an excellent way to protect his/her inheritance from potential seizure. Further, if your child is in a rocky marriage, settling a trust can prevent the integration of your child's inheritance into family property, thereby preventing any claims to the assets should your child be involved in divorce proceedings.

There is also significant tax-savings potential for your adult children—who could be the beneficiaries of a testamentary trust. Since the Trust becomes a separate legal entity, it will file a separate tax return and the income earned by the Trust will benefit from the graduated tax brackets in Canada. Even though your adult children may have a high employment income on their personal tax returns, the Trust will benefit from lower tax rates on the first \$40,000 (approximately) per year of income—in effect becoming an effective income-splitting vehicle.

While settling a testamentary trust can be fraught with legal and tax complications, with proper planning the benefits can greatly outweigh the effort spent.

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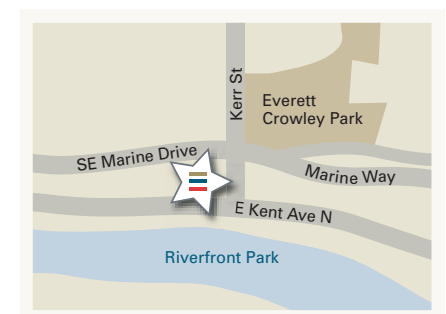
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 - **Subway:** Sandwiches, salads & wraps—Level 3 Departures
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 - **Toshi Teppanyaki:** Japanese cuisine – Level 3 Departures
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INTERNATIONAL (Before Security)

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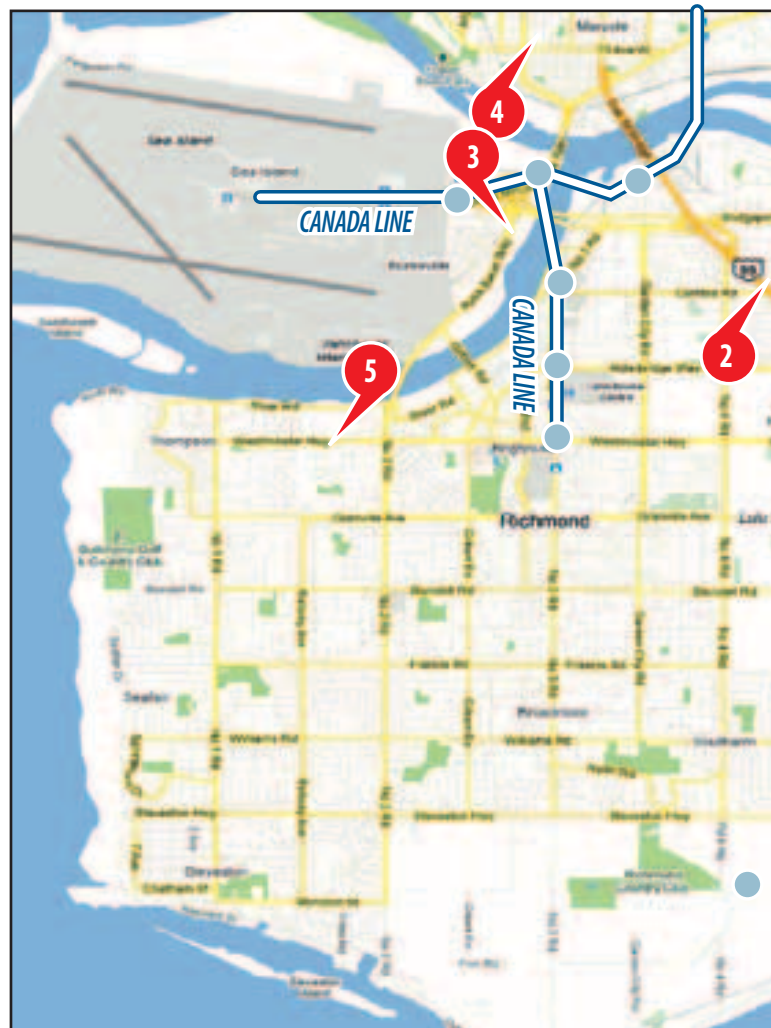
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Fortified Wine



A fortified wine is a wine to which additional alcohol has been added to the base wine.

Fortified wine is distinguished from spirits made from wine in that spirits are produced by means of distillation, whereas fortified wine is simply wine that has had a spirit added to it.

Many different styles of fortified wine have been developed with the most common types being port, sherry, marsala and madeira.

PORT

Port comes from the city of Oporto, in the Duoro Valley of Portugal. Port is always red wine and is sold in several different styles.

Vintage Port : from a single year and best aged for at least a decade.

Tawny Port : a blend of ports from several years and aged for as many as 30 years in the cask.

Ruby Port : a crimson-coloured blend of lesser, younger ports.

SHERRY

Named for the port city in Spain from where it is shipped, sherry is from the Palomino grape grown in southern Spain. The blending and production processes used to make sherry are quite unique. Sherry can be light or dark, dry or sweet.

The different types of sherry are:

Fino : pale and dry.

Manzanilla : pale and dry with a salty flavour.

Amontillado : dark and rich with a nutty flavour

Oloroso : medium brown with a dry, rich flavour.

Amoroso : brown and sweet, best as an after-dinner drink.

Cream : the sweetest sherry, best as an after-dinner drink.

MARSALA

Marsala wine is named for the town of Marsala, on the western tip of Sicily. It can be either dry or sweet, and is better used for cooking than drinking.

MADEIRA

Madeira wine comes from the Portuguese-governed island of the same name off the northwest coast of Africa. Most Madeira wine is used for cooking, but the better ones are beverages. Madera is light brown in colour and can be sweet or dry. The best Madera wines are aged for decades.

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2013 Ford Taurus SHO CarTalk

Stealthy sleeper is sportiest Taurus so far

The new Ford Taurus SHO (Super High Output) is the sportiest Taurus yet to wear the coveted performance badge. With its unique blend of the award-winning, fuel-efficient EcoBoost engine, enhanced driving dynamics and performance-inspired design, the new Taurus SHO shows it means business.

An unprecedented combination of horsepower, technology and fuel economy takes this sporting sedan to a whole new level.

"The Taurus SHO has always followed the original formula of stealthy sleeper and the new model is no exception," said Gordon Platto, chief designer. "We wanted to keep the subtle, understated, yet sporty elegance, but at the same time we knew it



was time to even more fully differentiate the Super High Output model from other Taurus series models."

Direct feedback from the car enthusiast community was part of the resources used to reinvent this Taurus.

"The SHO enthusiast clubs and dedicated online forums were supportive

resources for us," said Amy Marentic, group marketing manager. "In the interim, our relationship with the enthusiast community has continued to evolve, inspiring us to deliver an ever better SHO with the next generation."

Signature technology

Subtle differentiation from the other members of the Taurus family starts up front, with a performance-inspired grille in black mesh—unique to the SHO—flanked by series-specific, high-intensity discharge headlamps.

Behind the front wheel openings, a fender-mounted scallop contains a subtle SHO badge.

SHO-specific sideview mirrors—also in contrasting black—are heated, have memory functionality and contain downward-facing puddle lamps. Those on the driver's side feature auto-dimming.

In the rear, Taurus SHO features a unique decklid-mounted spoiler.

Inside, sporty characteristics are demonstrated with a perforated leather-wrapped steering wheel, leather-trimmed sport seats with embroidered SHO graphics, woven aluminum trim and adjustable aluminum pedals with memory.

Signature Ford technology is included with the standard MyFord Touch powered by SYNC driver connect technology and the replacement of several traditional knobs and controls with clear, colourful LCD screens and five-way buttons. These screens can be personalized to display information relevant to each individual driver using voice command, a simple button click or touch-screen tap.

Enhanced powertrain

The 2013 Taurus SHO drivetrain continues to use a fuel-efficient 3.5-litre EcoBoost V6 engine, delivering 365 horsepower and 350 lb.-ft. of torque, mated to a six-speed, high-capacity SelectShift Automatic transmission.

Steering wheel-mounted paddle shifters allow the vehicle to match revs for smooth, quick, manually selected downshifts. Paddle shifters have been reconfigured for more intuitive operation, with one paddle for upshift and the other for making smooth, matched-rev downshifts.

SHO dynamics have been enhanced with larger brakes, sport-tuned suspension and torque vectoring control—using slight braking to provide the effect of a limited-slip differential.

Specially calibrated electric power-assisted steering (EPAS) has been further optimized for road feel and direct communicative response. EPAS allows the car to park itself with active park assist.

Taurus SHO brake system upgrades include a larger master cylinder, revised booster tuning for improved pedal feel, larger front rotors with 19 per cent more thermal mass and 67 per cent more swept area to help brakes run cooler.

Now vented, the rear disc brakes offer 53 per cent more thermal mass.

As with the previous edition, all Taurus SHO models come standard with an advanced torque-sensing all-wheel-drive (AWD) system to help deliver optimum traction in all weather conditions and to allow the vehicle to efficiently deliver ample torque through all four driven wheels when driving in a sporty, enthusiastic manner.

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"With gas prices hitting record highs last month, we saw an increasing number of Canadian consumers choosing

fuel-efficient cars," said Dianne Craig, president and CEO, Ford of Canada. "Ford has invested heavily in fuel-efficient gas engines, hybrids, plug-in hybrids and electric vehicle technology—we like to call this the power of choice."

For example, the 2013 Fusion will offer five different powertrains, including two

EcoBoost engines, a hybrid and a plug-in hybrid.

Also in April, Ford CUV sales rose 20 per cent, driven by the popular Canadian-built Edge, which saw a 25 per cent increase.

Lincoln MKS and Navigator sales rose with a 50 per cent and 21 per cent increase, respectively.

Help your car's interior survive summer road trips

In a few weeks, it will be time once again to begin thinking about summer vacation and whether you fly to a location in B.C., or elsewhere, part of your vacation may include a road trip. If you are travelling with children, pets or even other adults it's a good idea to protect the car's interior from accidental spills and damage, especially if you have to return the vehicle at the end of the trip.

Following are ways to clean some common vacation roadtrip spills.

FOOD OR DRINK STAINS

DON'T use window/mirror cleaner because it contains alcohol which will dissolve and destroy the surface coating on your leather.

DO use a damp towel to wipe up the mess and a dry one to finish the job. Fully-finished leather is pretty much water resistant, so a little spill isn't going to hurt as long as you clean it up quickly, before it soaks through.

INK

DON'T use dish soap or hair spray

to remove the marks. The degreasing agents in dish soap can permanently de-gloss and damage the top coating on the leather surface. Hair spray, another commonly recommended remedy, has alcohol in it and will ruin the surface coating on your leather.

DO use a soft sponge and specialized leather cleaner.

NAIL POLISH

DON'T use nail polish remover because it will take the colour out of the leather and leave a bleached spot.

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ANIMAL SCRATCHES AND PICKS

DON'T touch up the spots with shoe polish or markers.

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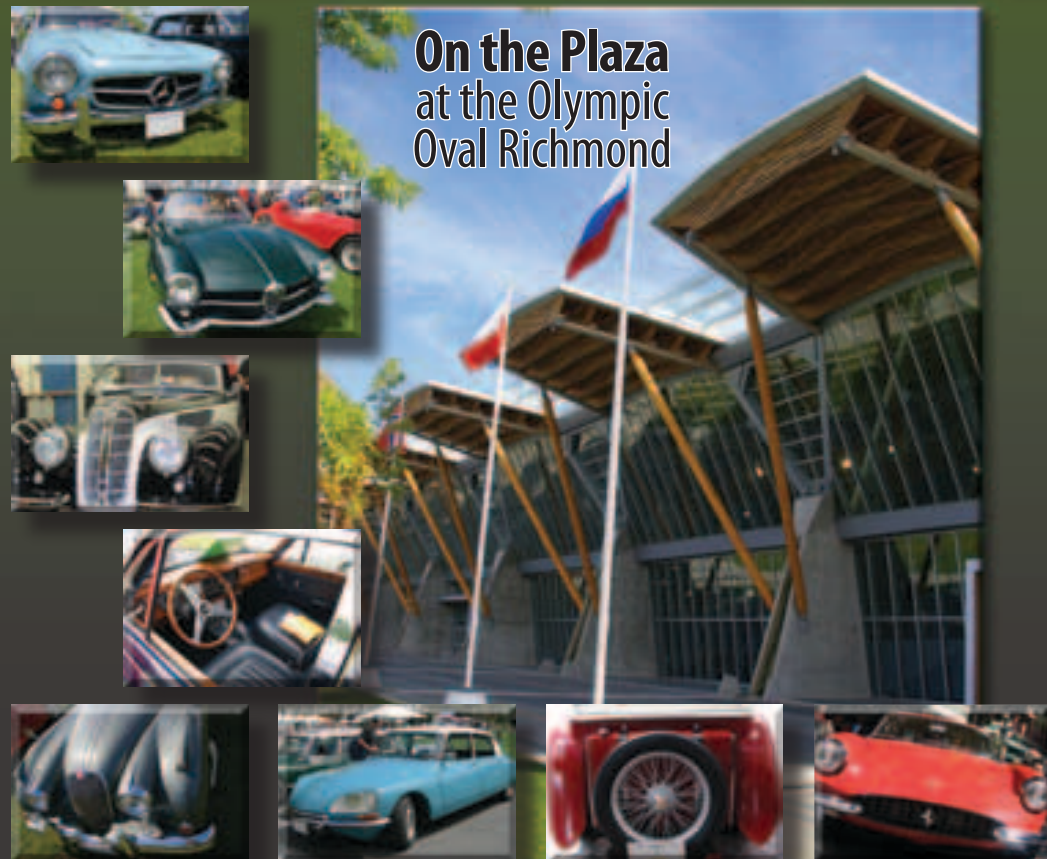
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ACROSS

- 1 Products of human creativity
- 5 Sphere
- 10 A soft sheepskin leather used in bookbinding
- 14 Garlands
- 15 Genus of the African walnut tree
- 16 Therefore
- 17 Certain herbs of the Canary Islands
- 19 Left by a wound
- 20 Whichever
- 21 Goes astray
- 22 Someone interested in technology
- 24 Conform
- 25 Releasing or supplying
- 26 A sudden short attack
- 29 Attacked verbally
- 30 Astern
- 31 Young child
- 32 Target
- 35 Precious stones
- 36 Excessive
- 37 Male singing range
- 38 It is (contraction)
- 39 Tautomeric compounds
- 40 A carbon-iron alloy
- 41 Move with a rushing sound
- 43 Unhealthy vapors
- 44 A soft light woolen fabric
- 46 Swerve
- 47 Genus of imperial moths
- 48 City in the Ukraine
- 49 Certified Public Accountant
- 52 Infant or toddler
- 53 Chiceneries
- 56 Anagram of "Slab"
- 57 A lofty bird's nest
- 58 Every single one
- 59 Caustics
- 60 City in Senegal
- 61 Dawdling.



- southeast
- 5 Glowered
- 6 Truck (British)
- 7 Genus of sheep
- 8 Snake
- 9 The eastern part of a city (2 words)
- 10 Free from harm or evil
- 11 An order of plants with irregular flowers having minute seeds
- 12 Once more
- 13 Anagram of "Goner"
- 18 Disprove
- 23 Visually detect (archaic)
- 24 Buffoons
- 25 An Asian river
- 26 Wise men
- 27 Assist
- 28 Dilapidated
- 29 Sashay
- 31 Hillock
- 33 An individual unit
- 34 Sunfish
- 36 Untried
- 37 Essential oil from flowers
- 39 Sea eagle
- 40 Collander
- 42 If not
- 43 More timid
- 44 Relating to a fetus
- 45 Rest stop
- 46 Genus of vetches
- 48 A Scottish church
- 49 Italian greeting
- 50 Unit of dry measure
- 51 Pale gray
- 54 Swedish shag rug
- 55 A fabric with prominent crosswise ribs.

DOWN

- 1 Genus of the razor billed auk
- 2 Command or control
- 3 Small
- 4 Direction between south and

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