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. DID YOU KNOW?

You can read or retrieve back issues of the BYN?
Just visit our web site at:

<http://www.acfamily.net/between>
and click on the "Archives" button.

This area is only open to "BETWEEN YOURSELVES - NetLetter" subscribers
and you will need the following password to enter -

User Name: byn Password: vesta

Why not check out the Air Canada Retired Employees Web Site
<http://www.acfamily.net/acrew/>
webmaster is Tom Grant.

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. The Dreams Take Flight Committee is selling Entertainment 2000 books.
These books contain discounts for fine dining, casual dining,
take-out, and major attractions. There are books that are specific for
Toronto, Oakville-Burlington, London etc. The premise is that if two people
dine - the least expensive meal is deducted. So a couple of dining
experiences and you've paid for the book as well as supported a good cause.
These also make great Christmas presents.
If you are interested, the cost is ca\$32 each and Carol of the Dreams

Committee has them to sell. Contact Carol at (905) 676-2970.
Cheers .. Janet

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. Margaret Cantwell sends us this story -
Last night (recently) at Air Cadets (Sidney Kittyhawk Sqdrn)
we presented George Maude with a picture all framed of his plane,
a Kittyhawk that forms the backdrop for our Cadet Parade at the Annual
Inspection. George has done this for 25 years for the sqdrn and had
the plane for 53 years! I have known him for years as he was another
Air Canada employee who worked with my Ken, Bill McNutt, Hoppy Hopkins
and many others. He and I were chatting after the fall in and
presentation and he was telling me some very interesting things about the
Cadet Hall etc. At this point I asked if he was a member of the Pionairs,
he said no he had not joined. I asked if he had computer but he did not.
I told him about Vesta's and your Newsletter and he said he had seen
several at Alan Hopkins where I deliver mine to.
He said he was so interested and enjoyed reading them so much.
I said I would send him them in the future.
I then suggested he might have some interesting memories to pass on and he
said he would definitely think on it and let me know.
So we may get some from him.
cheers for now..Margaret Cantwell

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. Mergers? Been there done that!
From the Globe & Mail November 12th 1938 (yes 1938) -
Air merger to develop all-red route.
Sir Kingsley Wood tells House Imperial Airways and British Airways to
form one corporation.
Public to control.
Sir Kingsley Wood, air secretary, today announced the British Government
would develop the 'all-red' route of Empire connections itself through
taking over the Imperial Airways and British Airways, Great Britian's
two major civil air lines.
Sir Kingsley Wood said the government would weld the two companies into
a single corporation. An independent tribunal would determine the price
to be paid if an agreement on this point could not be reached with the
two companies.

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. We recently welcomed Don Edwards and he sends this brief bio -
As requested a very brief biography of my TCA/AC follows:
Joined TCA engineering dept at YWG oct '56
Transferred to engineering dept YUL may '60
Joined the structures eng'rg group '69
Transferred to Mtce Quality as chief inspector '83
Took early retirement from Mtce Quality as Quality Mgr '91.
Some added info..... we "escaped to Stittsville ON. in '93 (Stittsville
is a Suburb of Ottawa).
If a little humour is permitted this move to a place called Stittsville
puzzled an AC colleague..... as he put it
"I always thought you were a leg man!!!
Cheers Don Edwards. don.edwards2@sympatico.ca

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. Don Hancock recently hosted a group on a cruise, here is a report -
The RCCL Vision of the Seas sailed from Vancouver September 19/99 enroute
for a 13 day cruise to the Hawaiian Islands terminating in Honolulu on
October 1st.
It has been said the Vision Of The Seas was the most beautiful, enjoyable,
and convenient cruise ship that has sailed to date. An exciting and beautiful
journey through the Hawaiian Islands was thoroughly enjoyed by the 120
Canadian Interline Travel passengers in our group. Our passenger list was
comprised of AC Pionairs, CP retirees, along with interliners from Alaska
Air, British Air. The food service on board was superb as was the varied
entertainment that changed daily throughout the voyage. Although the Vision
Of The Seas, some 74000 tons, accommodating 2000 passengers is considered
one of the largest cruise ships afloat, we were very much impressed by the
announcement that the newest RCCL ship, The Explorer Of The Seas, some
144000 tons and accommodating upwards of 4000 passengers is due to sail
on her maiden voyage from a port in Finland in November 99.
Would you believe she boasts of an ice skating rink and a mountain climbing
wall as two of the more fabulous attractions on board.
Regards from Don Hancock. DHan428922@aol.com

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. Our Chief Pilot, Vesta, thought this may interest you -

Subject: Y2K update

MICROSOFT RECRUITS ANTI-VIRUS VENDORS TO FIGHT Y2K HACKERS Microsoft is making nine anti-virus products available for free downloading from its Web site, www.microsoft.com/y2k. The company's proactive move is welcomed by many in the industry as Microsoft applications are popular targets for virus writers. Although some users, preoccupied with last-minute Y2K issues, are not as concerned about an increased virus threat from Y2K, they still welcome Microsoft's offering. Symantec's Kevin Murray says, "Every indication leads us to think that Y2K-specific viruses won't be any different than any other virus going off on any other day, so updated anti-virus apps are the key." Others fear Dec. 31, 1999, will be an attractive time for hackers to release their viruses because network administrators will be preoccupied with Y2K-compliance issues. Microsoft's free offering, which ends Dec. 31, includes the products of Symantec, Central Command, Computer Associates, Trend Micro, Data Fellows, Norman ASA, Panda Software, Sophos, and Network Associates. (InfoWorld Electric 11/01/99)

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. Help!

Ed Spaiches sends this request -

We are heading to Genoa, Italy on Nov. 22 to board the Costa Victoria sailing to Ft.Lauderdale.

Do you perhaps have any recommendations for a hotel in Genoa or do you have anyone that I can contact in Europe who might may a recommendation.

ThanksEd Spaiches spaiches@recorder.ca

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. Found on the internet.

In addition to the usual 'Men' and 'Women' signs, the exterior of the restrooms on a United concourse at Denver International Airport also display 'Tornado Shelter' signs. Could airport management at least have picked the bookstore?

Hong Kong based Cathay Pacific has decided to cancel 25 passenger aircraft and three freighter flights between December 30, 1999 and January 1, 2000 due to low passenger demand. Nearly all destinations served in Australia, Europe and North America will see at least one round-trip flight cancelled. Freighter flights between Hong Kong and New York, Chicago and London have also been cancelled.

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. Terry's travel tips.

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\$174pp - Inside, \$274pp - Outside, \$76.75pp - Port charges

Nordic Empress - 4 Day Southern Caribbean

Sail from San Juan - 1/10, 1/17, 1/24, 1/31

\$214pp - Inside space only!, \$86.75pp - Port charges

Grandeur of the Seas - 7 Day Eastern Caribbean - 1/8

\$574pp - Inside Cabin, \$674pp - Outside Cabin,

\$974pp - Cat. C or D Balcony

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First time at this airport?

Overheard between inbound crew and ramp control -

Aircraft: This is 571 coming at ya. Confirm gate number is 10 - one zero.

Ramp: 571 affirmative. Gate assignment is 10 - one zero.

Aircraft: We are on the ground.

Ramp: Copy you are on the ground.

Aircraft: Ah where is our ground crew?

Ramp: Ground crew waiting at gate 10 that's one zero.

Aircraft: We thought you had jetways at this airport.

Ramp: Affirmative on the jetways sir.

Aircraft: But where is our ground crew?

Ramp: Can you identify your surroundings, sir?

Aircraft: We are parked alongside a DC-9, and there is also a brown and white stretch B727.

Ramp: Strongly suggest you announce a gate change, sir. You have parked yourself at the air freight terminal.

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