

2005 Canadian Winners

Lianne Boileau of Ottawa won the Cornelia Fort scholarship to go to the conference - that's a terrific one to win, hope you had a great time!

Cindy Langford of Toronto won the Bombardier CRJ200 Flight Training Course! Awesome news - congratulations Cindy!

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More lucky Canadians won scholarships in March 2004 in Reno, Nevada at the annual WAI conference.

Danielle Smiley of Toronto, Ontario won a Challenger CL604 pilot training provided by Bombardier.

Lisa Soderquist of Calgary, Alberta won Aircraft Maintenance Training courtesy of Delta Airlines.

Bethe Stenning of Gimili, Manitoba won the Cornelia Fort Memorial Scholarship which provided her financial assistance to attend the conference in Reno. Beth also won a scholarship provided by Women in Corporate Aviation to complete her Instrument Rating training.

2003 Canadian Winners

Hundreds of thousands of U.S.\$\$ were handed out in March 2003 in Cincinnati, Ohio at the annual WAI conference, and many Canadians got to share in the pot!

Angie Haywood - Helicopter Capt, Helijet in Vancouver received the WAI Management Scholarship of US\$750 to help with training!

Kyla Steele - Congratulations to Kyla on winning a career scholarship! Boeing awarded Kyla a scholarship worth \$2500US, and maybe a lead on job with their company in California! "It's the career enhancement scholarship and I'm using it towards a masters in aviation human factors!" We wish you all the best with your studies Kyla.

Kirsten Brazier won the WAI International Achievement Award! She's currently spending a month in Sachigo Lake (a native community) in Ontario on skis, then she will be based in Red Lake, Ontario for the summer. Congratulations Kirsten!

Cindy Good of YWG - she won the AOPA scholarship to attend the conference, which included airfare, registration and a hotel room!

"I had the fortunate experience to attend the Women in Aviation Conference in Cincinnati, Ohio March 19-23, 2003, during the celebration of 100 years of aviation. I was able to attend by winning the AOPA Flight Training Magazine scholarship which included airfare, accommodations and meals. Since I had never been before I didn't quite know what to expect and I couldn't have been more thrilled when I got there! AOPA only had me spend a short time in their booth, and I was able to spend the majority of my time visiting all the other booths (from flight training to NASA) and go to the education sessions of which there were so many interesting ones to choose from it was hard to decide which one to attend.

The highlight for me was the Saturday night banquet. We watched a film introducing the 100 most influential women in aviation who have paved the way for the rest of us. The famous women we all would expect to be included were honoured like Amelia Earhart, Moya Lear and

Martha King. But we also learned about the women whose names aren't so easily recognized but who were just as influential. Some of these women are Kathryn Sullivan, the first American woman to walk in space (who was also a key-note speaker), Bessie Coleman, the first African-American woman to get a pilot's licence (although she had to go to France to get it because no flight schools in the US would accept her) and Katherine Wright, sister to Wilbur and Orville. Amanda Wright Lane (great grandniece of the Wright brothers) got on stage and talked about her great aunt Katherine and read actual letters between Katherine and her brothers. She was definitely respected by Wilbur and Orville and she ran their business affairs when she wasn't traveling with them.

After watching the film on the most 100 influential women in aviation, the women who could attend went on the stage to accept a standing ovation; one third of the 100 women were there!! Imagine the stories those women must have!!

I highly suggest you try to attend a WAI or Canadian Women in Aviation conference as you meet wonderful contacts and many companies are there to collect resumes. It is not only fun but re-energizing to talk aviation non-stop with others who are just as obsessed as you are. All the women there are extremely helpful and are more than willing to give advice on how to achieve your goals. The atmosphere is one of mutual respect and everyone is genuine in their desire to help others in their careers. I am so glad I was able to go and will try to find a way to go every year from now on. Hope to see you there!

Cindy Good "

TYPE-RATINGS!

Bless the kind folks at Bombardier!

Christine Lavery - currently a Simcoe Ont, Bush Pilot who got her BBAviation at UCFV in BC - Challenger 604 Type-rating!

Sarah McLean - currently Bandit pilot in Nunavut with Kenn Borek - Canadair Regional Jet Type Rating!

Marjolaine Arbour - from Montreal currently flying in the Arctic - she also got a CRJ Type Rating!

2002 Canadian Winners

Can you believe it?! 3 Scholarships went to Canadians at this year's Women in Aviation International Annual Conference in Nashville Tennessee!

Before even heading down to the conference Raelene Crowe (from Newfoundland and working at Flying Colours Flying School in Winnipeg) found out she won the Cornelia Fort Memorial scholarship that paid her way to Nashville and into the conference (and home again!).

Mazy Baker from Vancouver won \$500 US toward her ratings, and guess what?

Just like Kristin McMahon of Winnipeg did last year, Dawn Wells (Toronto) was the happy recipient of a Bombardier sponsored Regional Jet Type Rating! How exciting is that?!

For every scholarship there was applause and cheers, but when the Canadians won there were yells, hoots and hollers; we were jumping out of our seats rushing to the front to take photos! The excitement and enthusiasm was enthralling and we all had a great time. Congratulations to all of the scholarship winners!

First and MOST IMPORTANTLY: 3 of our Canadians won Scholarships in 2001!

Congrats to Wendy Boyes of Vancouver who won a maintenance scholarship, and has a choice of Pratt & Whitney engines to be able to learn all about! Way to go! Let us know what engine you get checked out on!

Great news - Kristin McMahon, who just starting flying Metro's in Manitoba, won a CRJ TYPE RATING! We were so excited for her, cheering and clapping at the banquet when they announced it. She couldn't make the conference, and found out she'd won from an email from Denise K! We want to hear all about it Kristi - when you go, what it's like, how long it takes ...Everything!

Our third Canadian, Vancouver member Vanessa Jago, currently working in Wisconsin, got a type rating and JOB from Atlantic Coastal Airlines! They fly Dornier 328 and Canadair Regional Jets, and well as some prop aircraft. Vanessa will hear this week on what aircraft she will be getting her type rating, and what date she starts working! Anyone with access to a green card, get yourself to the USA! Of course having 3000 hours helped her too!

As many of you remember, Kristi McMahon was the recipient of the 2001 WAI scholarship for a type rating on the CRJ 200.

"I have successfully completed the four week type rating course at Bombardier in Montreal. I was very impressed with the training facility, the personnel at Bombardier, and the training program. The schedule for the first two weeks was very very busy. Sleeping and eating became a luxury! Each day was dedicated to approximately 6-7 hours of ground school, as well as one hour of briefing with a ground school instructor, and 3 hours in the System Trainer the first week, and 3 hours per day in the FTD, a stationary aircraft simulator, the second week. The ground school was a CBT program, which is Computer Based Training: a self-study program. I found the program very conducive to learning as you were able to complete each section at your own pace, stop the program to take notes, replay any lesson at any time, and there were interactive sections which would show in detail how that aircraft system functioned. The System Trainer and FTD were fantastic learning tools to help to prepare for the real thing - the full-motion simulator. The following two weeks were equally busy: a two-hour briefing before the sim, 4 hours in the simulator, and a one-hour debrief. Having never flown an aircraft with a flight director, auto-pilot, EFIS, or FMS, added to the challenge of learning the RJ. My training partner and I were both training for the right seat, so we switched seats during the training to sit left seat for the other. It was a great experience to learn both the right and the left seat. At the end of the course I had a Transport Canada ride, and I am now eagerly waiting my new license to come in the mail with the CL-65 Type Rating on it!" To all of you thinking of applying for scholarships this year - go for it! All the hard work and determination required to complete the course was worth the effort. Although the reality is that I may never fly the RJ commercially, the experience was certainly invaluable." "I would like to thank again WAI member Suzanne Pettigrew who generously invited me to stay with her in her home, while I was on course. Thanks Suzanne!!! I also have to thank my Chief Pilot and the management at Perimeter Airlines for giving me the time off work to take advantage of this great opportunity."