

SHIPWRECK GOLD RUSH IN NOVA SCOTIA

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Posing by their planes at the Alma, Que., airport, pilots and passengers prepare for the final leg of the 2006 International Air Rally last August. Aviators from three continents logged approximately 3,500 nautical miles during the 14-day event, as they winged from Oshkosh, Wisconsin, to Iqaluit, Nunavut, and finally to Charlevoix, Que., with overnight stops in remote communities along the way. The rally is not a race, but tests teams on their navigation skills and general survival knowledge. With 28 aircraft, including Cessnas, Pipers and Huskies, it has become the largest such rally in North America. Professional pilot Camil Dumont of Montréal and his wife, Catherine Tobenas, a former flight attendant, launched the annual competition in 2001, and contestants now travel from as far away as South Africa, France and Switzerland to participate. This year's rally will begin July 1 in Ottawa and wrap up two weeks later in Saint-Pierre et Miquelon (www.airrally.com).

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