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2009 Governor General's Cup Cross Canada



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The winners of this historical challenge :



What they said about it :

Thank you for one more of my "bucket list" wonderful experience

Helen, (75 !!!) Australia

What an extraordinary adventure ! many thanks. Made many friends !!

Valerie, Switzerland

Life is an adventure! Thank you for making it so delicious for us ! Fortune favors the brave

MayCay, North Carolina, USA

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FINALISTS - ENTIRE CHALLENGE :

Mike & Jenny Wilson, Helen Watson	AUSTRALIA	Piper Arrow
Paul & Diana Boddam-Whetham, Gail Simmons	AUSTRALIA	Cessna 172N
Stephen & Gillian Knight	AUSTRALIA	Cessna 172S
Norman Mainville, Tania Lebel	CANADA	Cessna 172
Martin Elder, Deborah Hind, Chris Gallant, MayCay Beeler	CANADA/UK/USA	Piper Cherokee PA32
Anthony & Elaine Lang-Jim & Diane Snyder	CANADA	Piper Twin Comanche PA30
Camil Sr., Camil Jr & Michaëlle Dumont, Catherine	CANADA	Piper Cherokee PA32
Valerie, Raphael & Laurent de Kalbermatten	SWITZERLAND	Cirrus SR 20
Donald Berliner & Dory Dickson	USA	Mooney20-E
Mark Helseth, George Anderson, Celine Roch, Gilles Cuerrier	USA/CANADA	Piper Cherokee PA 32

Winning Teams :

1st place:

**Martin Elder & Deborah Hind, Ottawa, Ont.
Christopher Gallant, London, UK
MayCay Beeler, North Carolina, USA
Piper Cherokee 6**



Left, Robert Dewar, VP new commercial product development, Bombardier Aerospace delivers the trophy to Deborah and Martin, Chris and MayCay

2nd place:

**Tony & Elaine Lang, Jim & Dianne Snyder, Hanover, Ontario
Comanche PA30**



Jim, Tony, Diane, Elaine Surrounded by Mr. Boucher, director Chicoutimi flight college, in the middle Mayor Lucie Martin holding the St-Honoré flag

3rd place:

**Mike & Jenny Wilson, Helen Watson, Southport, Australia
Piper Arrow**

The winners of the “Western challenge”

Chris Harmon & Beth Bennett, Bracebridge, Ont.
Lake Amphibian aircraft

***He did it the “old fashion way” and he earned the prize !
The Bush pilot trophy “Arthur Fecteau trophy”***



Chris has 13 years flying experience- 1300 hrs-rotary-300 hrs fixed wing. flying over most of Australia. **Beth** is the navigator/photographer, **Redmar**, (not in picture), is also a pilot and a visitor from The Netherland who got the best seat envied by all in the Rally...

*Picture: Chris & Beth receive the Arthur Fecteau trophy from Catherine & Camil at their lodge in a remote area of Northern Quebec
Chris & Beth flew in onboard Lake Amphibian for the occasion*

Thanks to you Chris we can confirm our point : Canada was developed thanks to the capacity of Bush pilots to compose with nature and terrain conditions at all times.: “BORN FLYERS”. With great determination and focus you did accomplish what other pilots in the rally couldn't.

Daily, Chris was planning his flight taking into consideration the capabilities and advantages provided by an aircraft he had trusted would get him where he wanted and he was right.

Story : While in Watson Lake Yukon, Chris did not hesitate when asked to take Rhonda back to her bush isolated lodge (built 30 years ago) The lodge was surrounded by forest fires and smoke was a challenge. When Chris offered to take them back to town, both with their dogs, they refused to leave the lodge. Awaiting news from them, hoping they are OK.

Read :  [Planes, crashes and memories - Yukon New](#)

Read :  [Arthur Fecteau's Biography \(46.7 Ko\)](#)

Message from the Minister of Canadian Heritage and Official Languages

The Honourable James Moore, Minister of Canadian Heritage and Official Languages, addresses the pilots :  [PDF Letter](#)

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[a 'once-in-a-lifetime experience'](#)



[MayCay Beeler \(PDF\)](#)

Pilot/ TV Producer

15 years professional broadcast experience in Network affiliate & Cable TV News & Programs Airline Transport Pilot CFI, CFII, ATP FAASTEAM Rep. MayCay has been assigned by AOPA to write her “*Cross Canada Centennial Flight*” adventure. This coverage will reach over 410 000 readers & viewers who will surely find this mother/son Flying complicity and passion sharing very inspiring while learning about Canada and Canadian hospitality.



AOPA Pilot,

November 2009

Article now online :
“Crazy about Canada”
- by *MayCay Beeler*

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Journal “LE SOLEIL”

Rallye aérien international :
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Paul-Robert Raymond
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In addition to Regional news, paper, radio and Tv as well as French regional newspaper covering the adventure of two French participants