

Dear Members,

Mandatory Office Closing Update

The province of Quebec is about to gradually allow businesses to reopen during the month of May under strict conditions and in stages following the easing of restrictions that were imposed due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Each stage will allow specific types of businesses to open but so far there has been no indication when a stage will be introduced that will allow offices such as WACA's located in large buildings to reopen. The situation, therefore, remains that I still cannot work from the WACA office or receive any post until further notice. I continue in home isolation where I can remotely access some of my WACA office documentation as well as viewing and responding to e-mails.

WACA Facebook Site

Members are reminded to take a trip down memory lane by viewing a "WACA Retrospective" of pictures that have been recently posted on the WACA Facebook site. The site is a happy interlude for interliners from all parts of the world in these difficult times. To be accepted as a "friend" on the site you have to be affiliated with an airline or related industries as well as with WACA: www.facebook.com/waca.hq?hc_location=timeline. A further reminder is also sent to WACA Representatives of Member Clubs to ensure that *all members* of your respective Club are told about this social media way of communicating. *This is the best communication tool to attract new, young, members into our Association so your cooperation to advise all your members about the WACA Facebook site is greatly appreciated.*

Grand Venture Bonanza

First Draw of 2020

As a reminder, the first draw of 2020 is now expected to be at the end of May for a USD 100.00 cash prizes graciously donated by the Sydney Interline Club. Another cash prize of USD 100.00 has now been graciously donated by the Vancouver Interline Club in addition to five cash prizes of USD 100.00 each donated by WACA. In addition, a fabulous prize of a package for one based on double occupancy to attend the 53rd WACA AGA: The 2020 Interline Celebration to be held in Bali, Indonesia from 18–23 October has also been donated by WACA making a total of eight prizes to be drawn throughout the year.

Member Clubs

Member Clubs are reminded that when individual members of their Club renew their membership, they should also be requested to buy tickets for the Grand Venture Bonanza to generate revenue for the Association. *Members-at-Large* Members-at-Large are also actively encouraged to purchase Grand Venture Bonanza tickets for a chance to win one of the great prizes that will be available this year. Tickets cost USD 1.00 each so simply send a cheque, money order or bank draft for the number of tickets you require to WACA Headquarters.

Don't delay, get your tickets now!

Potential Change for an Airline Passenger's Experience

The following article provides an insight into what the new reality might mean for airlines, airports and passengers once global air travel is able to resume when the coronavirus pandemic is over:

www.futuretravelexperience.com/2020/04/how-covid-19-could-change-end-to-end-passenger-experience/.

Obituary

Past WACA President and Member of Honour, *David Larkin*, has advised that a long time friend, *Earl Dryburgh*, formally of the now defunct Montreal Interline Club (MIC) sadly passed away in Montreal on 26 April succumbing to the novel coronavirus. Earl was one of the original MIC committee members that were very active hosting WACA's international bowling and tennis tournaments as well as the Club's famed "Sugaring Off". A great interliner, Earl was one of the WACA Headquarters committee members when the WACA office first opened.

Membership Messages

Communicate

"Membership Messages" are sent out on a regular basis to WACA Member Clubs, Members-at-Large and other individuals closely connected to WACA. Recipients in Member Clubs are requested to forward these messages to all members of their respective Club or direct their members to the News and Press Releases section of WACA's website where the messages are posted: www.waca.org/news/Pages/index.aspx.

Contribute

If any WACA member has anything they would like to contribute to the next "Membership Message" please send the information to the attention of the WACA Administration Manager at WACA Headquarters.

KEEP WELL. STAY SAFE.

Yours in interlining,

Keith Miller
WACA Administration Manager