

# Canada, British Columbia

## July – August 2009

Below you can find a report of my one-month-holiday in British Columbia, Canada. My family and I had the opportunity to do a house switch with another Dutch family, who emigrated to Langley, BC in the eighties. After spending three weeks in their wonderful house we stayed two days in Victoria and one week in Kelowna.

It was not intended to be a spotting trip only (unfortunately), but there were quite some opportunities to practise the hobby in two relatively spotting friendly countries: Canada and USA.

The first two and a half weeks we had an extreme heat wave with exceptional temperatures for this area. The rest of the holiday was mainly cloudy with some rainy days, even in the usually sunny Okanagan Valley.

All small single engine props are not noted but an exception is made for floatplanes.

Moreover, all aircraft are only logged once per airfield.

### 20 July 2009 Düsseldorf EDDL

4O-AOL	Fokker 100	Montenegro Airlines
D-ACNA	CRJ 900LR	Eurowings
D-ANNC	Airbus A320-200	Elite
D-CLBC	BAe 125-800A	Elbe Air Lufttransport
D-CREY	Cessna 650	Triple Alpha
D-IXIE	Piaggio P.180 Avanti	Execujet Europe
F-GRJK	CRJ 100ER	Air France / Brit Air
F-HAMI	Beech 200	Air Ailes
F-OJHI	Airbus A310-300	Mahan Air
HB-VWP	Cessna 525	
HZ-KSGA	Gulfstream IV-X	National Air Services
OE-LVK	Fokker 100	Austrian Arrows
TC-JPC	Airbus A320-200	Turkish
TC-JRD	Airbus A321-200	Turkish
TC-SKI	Airbus A321-200	Sky
TC-SKJ	Airbus A320-200	Sky
YR-SBA	Saab 2000	Carpatair

After months of detailed preparation, our holiday started on Monday 20 July at a cloudy and rainy Düsseldorf.

The above was seen from the panorama terrace and during taxiing with the D-ALPF, an A330-200 in old LTU c/s, before the direct flight to Vancouver.

### 20 July 2009 Vancouver CYVR

B-6115	Airbus A330-200	Air China
C-FIUV	Boeing 777-300ER	Air Canada
C-FNAQ	Embraer 190AR	Air Canada
HL7460	Boeing 747-400	Korean Air
N835AW	Airbus A319-100	US Airways

We arrived some 9 hours later at a sunny Vancouver International. Our route was Düsseldorf-Scotland-Iceland-Greenland-Canada with some nice views across the ice mountains and snow captured Rocky Mountains. The planes above were seen during taxiing in. We were picked up by a Dutch emigrated man, who sales airplane parts for DHC and CRJ aircraft.

### 21 July 2009 Langley CYNJ

104645	CF-104D Starfighter	Canadian AF
114003/8	CT-114 Tutor	Snowbirds
17058/"17012"	DH-100 Vampire F3	Canadian AF

21487/ML-487	T-33A	Canadian AF
18138/SA-138	CF-100 Mk3	Canadian AF
P5436/HLB	Handley Page Hampden	Royal Air Force
53-4414/"9632"	Sikorsky H-19B	USAF
C-FBDY	Bell 206B	Pacific Air Crane
C-FDDM	Lake LA-4	Helo Investments
C-FETL	Cessna 421	private
C-FFYZ	Hughes 369HS	Bajo Reef Helicopters
C-FLAQ	Schweizer 300CBI	BC Helicoptes
C-FPLH	Schweizer 300CBI	BC Helicopters
C-FRNO	DHC-3T Turbine Otter	Harbour Air
C-GAXK	AS350B2 Ecureuil	Pacific Air Crane
C-GDJN	Robinson R22	Heli-College Canada
C-GELV	Piper PA.18A-150	private
C-GETT	Robinson R22	Corporate Air Transport Services
C-GILD	Lake LA-4-200	private
C-GIZW	Cessna 180K	private
C-GTAC	Cessna 320	private
C-GTYG	Beech 76	Sky Quest Aviation
CF-CKT	Beech 3NMT	
CF-GME/"YR-I"	AT-16	Canadian Museum of Flight
CF-PWH	DC-3-227B	
CF-RFS/"20325/PR-325"	T-6J	private
EC-FMZ	Sikorsky S-61N	Helicsa Helicopters

My first visit to my home airport for three weeks. It was only 5 minutes by bike. Langley Airport is a rather spotter friendly airport. It's very open and the fences are low (if any). No stairs are needed. The airport has one main runway (01-19) and one grass runway and is mainly used by single engine props and helicopters. The only scheduled traffic is a Harbour Air Turbine Otter. It flies three times a day to Victoria Harbour.

Most activities take place on the aprons south and east of the runway, but don't forget the northeast aprons where BC Helicopters and Harbour Air have their office.

You can take excellent shots when aircraft are landing on the main runway, both in the morning (runway 01 and 19) and in the late afternoon / evening (runway 19). The aircraft are very low when they pass the public road. The several helipads are also good for photography all day.

The airport houses a small aviation museum. The aircraft outside (hardly possible to photograph) can be found in the log above.

There are activities almost around the clock. The first planes depart before 06.00h and the flying continues till after 22.00h (although the tower operations are from 08.30h till 20.30h). This day, for example, two 'Eggs' (=Hughes 369HS) arrived suddenly around 20.10h, although one of them remained unidentified.

The most remarkable helicopter was the Spanish S-61. This helicopter has been at Langley for quite some time and is going to be Canadian registered in the future.

### 21 July 2009 Fort Langley CBQ2

C-FCDQ	Cessna 180H	Fort Langley Air
C-FCUK	Cessna A185F	private

A quick hit and run at this private airport, located east of the town of Fort Langley, along the Fraser river. The only aircraft of Fort Langley Air was just landing on the water as I arrived.

### 22 July 2009 Squamish CYSE

C-FKKM	Bell 206B2	Blackcomb Aviation
C-FSAI	AS350B2 Ecureuil	Black Tusk Helicopter
C-FZVT	Bell 214B1	Black Tusk Helicopter
C-GLOG	Bell 206B3	Black Tusk Helicopter
C-GNFN	Cessna 208	Wilderness Air 1

C-GPGP	Bell 206B2	Blackcomb Aviation
C-GSEE	Bell 206B2	Black Tusk Helicopter

The next day a short visit to Squamish airfield was made. Quite some helicopters can be found here and photographed very nice. The airfield looks like a bush airfield in the middle of South-America or Africa. It's very small and open. Best time to visit is in the morning or early afternoon. Both Black Tusk Helicopter and Blackcomb Aviation have their helicopters based here.

The airport is situated between Squamish and Whistler, left of Hwy 99.

### 22 July 2009 Whistler-Green Lake Water Aerodrome CYWS

C-FAXI	DHC-2 Beaver	Harbour Air
C-FHRX	Cessna 185	Blackcomb Aviation
C-FLAC	Cessna 208	Seair Seaplanes
C-FOCN	DHC-2 Beaver	Harbour Air
C-FSKZ	DHC-2 Beaver	Whistler Air
C-GEND	DHC-3T Turbine Otter	Whistler Air
C-GSFA	Cessna 208	Whistler Air

Our next stop was Whistler, home of the Olympic Winter Games (skiing) in 2010. A beautiful seaplane base can be found on the south side of Green Lake. Whistler Air is the only company based here. They operate a Beaver, a Turbine Otter (both in an attractive yellow/blue colour scheme) and a new Cessna Caravan. There can be slow times here, but it's worth the wait since the photography possibilities are just excellent when the airplanes are taxiing in or out. You can photograph the airplanes all day, from the dock and, in the afternoon, from the wooden bridge just a little left from the dock.

### 22 July 2009 Whistler Heliport CBE9

C-GYYR	AS350BA Ecureuil	Blackcomb Aviation
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I finished the day with a quick look at the Whistler heliport, north of Green Lake along Hwy 99. The only helicopter present outside was this red Ecureuil. Best time to photograph here is in the early morning or late afternoon.

### 23 July 2009 Langley CYNJ

C-FPBQ	Bell 407	Vector Aerospace
C-FZAT/"66"	Nanchang CJ6A	Big Surf Films
C-GMPT	EC-120B	Police

After two hot and sunny days, the sky was overcast today and I decided to stay home. A drive along the hangars and aprons in the evening resulted in two new aircraft. The police helicopter made a short stop around 20.00h (that happens on more days).

### 24 July 2009 Pitt Meadows CYPK

C-FKCH	Robinson R44	private
C-FTXH	Piper PA.34-200T	Classic Aviation
C-FVBZ	Cessna 182E	private
C-FWFM	Cessna 421A	private
C-GLKK	Cessna A185F	private
C-GPTH	Piper PA.34-200	private
C-GSKY	Bell 47G4	Premier Helicopter Training
C-GSZM	Hughes 369D	Prism Helicopters
N17SR	Cessna A185F	SR Aviation
NX346DM	Fouga CM170 Magister	private

Just a short visit in the afternoon to this very messy airport. The airport has three runways, so a scanner may be helpful to know which one is in use. Landings on RWY 26L can be photographed perfectly in the afternoon.

The aprons are mainly located at the southeast side and stairs may be useful. There are also some wrecks at the airport.

The Bell 47, used for helicopter training (!) can be considered as the highlight of this visit and could be photographed perfectly in sunny circumstances.

24 July 2009 Langley CYNJ

C-FCAA	Beech 95-B55	Executive West Aviation
C-FWMS	Cessna A185E	private
C-GTOK	Bell 206B	TRK Heli

Another evening visit to my homebase.

### 25 July 2009 Langley CYNJ

C-GIKS	Bell 206B	Metro Helicopters
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This Jetranger was the only noteworthy flying machine on a quiet Saturday morning.

### 25 July 2009 Vancouver CYVR

B-HXF	Airbus A340-300	Cathay Pacific	
C-FACV	Dash 8-300	Air Canada Jazz	
C-FFYJ	Embraer 190AR	Air Canada	
C-FHNL	Embraer 190AR	Air Canada	
C-FITU	Boeing 777-300ER	Air Canada	
C-FJXZ	Dash 8-300	Air Canada Jazz	
C-FZAQ	CRJ 100ER	Air Canada Jazz	
C-FZUH	Airbus A319-100	Air Canada	retro c/s
C-GEWQ	Dash 8-300	Air Canada Jazz	
C-GJZN	CRJ 200ER	Air Canada Jazz	
C-GRWS	Boeing 737-700	Westjet	
C-GSTA	Dash 8-300	Air Canada Jazz	
G-OJMC	Airbus A330-200	Thomas Cook	
N18220	Boeing 737-800	Continental Airlines	

The aircraft above were logged during half an hour stay at the approach of runway 26R, around two o'clock in the afternoon. I stood along Templeton Street, a good place for photographing the aircraft (with 200-300 mm, otherwise the aircraft are too high), but not with hot weather: heathaze ruined most of the pictures. The other spots at the airport, for example the AVIS lot, were assumed to be even worse when speaking of heathaze.

Runway 26R was in use for landings only, 26L was the departing runway and landing runway for the smaller (GA) aircraft.

Just after I left, an Air Philippines A340 came in, grrrrr...

### 27 July 2009 Vancouver Harbour Heliport CBC7

C-GHJP	Sikorsky S-76A	Helijet
C-GHJV	Sikorsky S-76A	Helijet

### 27 July 2009 Vancouver Harbour Sea Plane Base CYHC

C-FAOP	DHC-2 Beaver	Saltspring Air
C-FAXI	DHC-2 Beaver	Harbour Air
C-FEGE	DHC-2 Beaver	Saltspring Air
C-FGOE	DHC-6-100 Twin Otter	Westcoast Air
C-FGOH	DHC-6-100 Twin Otter	Westcoast Air
C-FGOZ	DHC-2 Beaver	Westcoast Air
C-FHAA	DHC-3T Turbine Otter	Harbour Air
C-FHAD	DHC-3T Turbine Otter	Harbour Air
C-FHAX	DHC-3T Turbine Otter	Harbour Air
C-FIUZ	DHC-3T Turbine Otter	Harbour Air
C-FJBP	DHC-2 Beaver	Westcoast Air
C-FJPB	DHC-2 Beaver	Corilair Charters
C-FMHR	DHC-6-100 Twin Otter	Westcoast Air
C-FMXS	DHC-2 Beaver	Harbour Air
C-FODH	DHC-3T Turbine Otter	Harbour Air
C-FWTE	DHC-6-100 Twin Otter	Westcoast Air

C-GHAR	DHC-3T Turbine Otter	Harbour Air
C-GHAS	DHC-3T Turbine Otter	Harbour Air
C-GLCP	DHC-3T Turbine Otter	Harbour Air
C-GMKP	DHC-2 Beaver	Westcoast Air
C-GQKN	DHC-6-100 Twin Otter	Westcoast Air
C-GTBO	DHC-2 Beaver	Westcoast Air

On Monday I spent a day downtown Vancouver to photograph a lot of floatplanes. In the city centre, near Coal Harbour, two 'airports' can be found, a heliport and a sea plane base. They even have their own control tower (on top of the Vancouver Sun building)!

The sea plane base was rather busy with floatplanes coming and going. As you can see above, Harbour Air and Westcoast Air mainly operate here. Photography here is excellent, especially in the morning and early afternoon. You can photograph the aircraft a little from above from the promenade (benches and shadow available) right of the docks. You need 200 mm for your shots, but (many) more is recommended, especially for action shots.

Unfortunately the heliport, however, was very quiet today, due to the holidays. Photographing here should be done in the afternoon. The heliport itself cannot be seen from the sea plane base, only arriving and departing helicopters.

After seeing so many floatplanes, a short scenic flight was hard to resist. So in the evening I made a flight for some \$100 with a Westcoast Air Beaver (50 years old). An amazing sight on the Vancouver skyline, and of course taking off and landing on the water made it worth the money.

### 28 July 2009 Langley CYNJ

2309	Sikorsky S-76B-7	Thai Navy	<b>cn 760451</b>
C-FGWO	Robinson R22	Heli-College Canada	
C-FIBN	Sikorsky S-61N	Heli-Excel	
C-FKMG	Robinson R22	Heli-College Canada	
C-FUIE	Cessna A185E	private	
C-FWVF	Lake LA-4-200	private	
C-GAHL	Bell 206B	Alpen Helicopters	
C-GJSG	Bell 206B	Alpen Helicopters	
C-GPCX	Bell 206L-1	Alpen Helicopters	

A morning-visit today to my homebase. Quite a lot of hangars were open, which resulted in some new numbers. I was amazed to find in one of the helicopter maintenance hangars a Thai Navy S-76! It was reported that this one crashed some years ago, and apparently it's repaired now here in Langley (new tail). Only the cn could be read, the registration was found in the Scramble Military Database. I wished this one made a short test flight...

Also airside access was obtained today for the rest of the holiday, so quite some new aircraft could be photographed.

### 28 July 2009 Lynden 38W

N384B	Beech 95	Lynden Aero
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In the afternoon a short visit to the States was made. After the paperwork at the border we visited Lynden airfield. The airfield lies in the middle of a rich neighbourhood north of the 'Dutch' village of Lynden and has a small east-west runway. What we call a 'garage' next to our house, is here called a 'hangar'...

Spotting isn't that easy here, since most of the airfield surroundings is someone's backyard. As it is a very quiet airport too (just one twin was standing outside), it's not really worth a visit.

After that we drove to Blaine airfield, but to my surprise this airfield was completely closed, with no aircraft present anymore.

### 29 July 2009 Bellingham KBLI

N111YV	Beech 1900C-1	Ameriflight
N1254X	Cessna 550	US Customs Service
N172AE	AS350B3 Ecureuil	US Dept. of Homeland Security
N21CS	Cessna 310Q	private
N620WA	Pilatus PC-12/45	Peak Aviation
N85Z	Beech A90-1	Dynamic Avlease

Today was my second day in the United States. First I had a short visit at Bellingham Airport. The airport is signposted from highway I-5 and has one north-south runway. The aprons are at the east side of the runway, so it's recommended to visit this airport in the morning. For photography, stairs are necessary because of the fence which is more than two meters high. The airport has some scheduled airline traffic too, but this was not seen during my visit.

### 29 July 2009 Anacortes 74S

N117DW	Piper PA.31-310	Micronesia Atoll Airlines
N667BC	Cessna A185F	Blatchford

The airfield of Anacortes is situated west of the village. It's signposted from Oakes Avenue (number 20). It's a very small airport and all operations take place at the east side of the runway (16-34). Therefore it's recommended to visit the airport (if it's worth it) in the morning or early afternoon. The Piper 31 seemed to be stored, one propeller was missing.

### 29 July 2009 Burlington-Skagit KBVS

N1949B	DHC-2 Beaver	Sail Rock Aviation
N3682B	Beech 50	Shining Mountains
N450KA	Robinson R44	Calaway Courtney
N6032S	Beech 60	Cimarron
N793HF	Cessna T206H	Kilo Romeo
N8045K	Robinson R22	private
N8416J	Robinson R22	private
N84857	PBY-5A Catalina	
N9012Y/"85061/7F-061"	SNJ-5	private
NC41578	Piper J3C-65	private

Before I went home I paid a short visit to Burlington Airport, also called Skagit Regional. Nothing interesting was present at the northern apron (surrounded by a fence, so bring your stairs) and on the (smaller) south apron there was only a R22 outside. I photographed the chopper in a very nice evening sun after asking permission and meanwhile I read off the two open hangars with some nice stuff in it.

The Cat that can be seen at Google Earth is now dumped at the factory area just east of the airport.

### 30 July 2009 Langley CYNJ

C-FIQZ	Schweizer 269C1	BC Helicopters
C-FKPM	Bell 206B	Airspeed Technologies
C-FLBI	Schweizer 269C1	private
C-FSEV	Schweizer 269C1	BC Helicopters
C-GEMZ	Robinson R22	BC Mountain Helicopters
C-GLAL	Robinson R44	
C-GLVT	Robinson R44	BC Helicopters
C-GTME	Yak-18T	private

Quite a lot of helicopters around noon today. A visit was paid to BC Helicopters at the north side of the airfield to photograph two Schweizers outside, and of course the hangar was read off as well.

A little time thereafter, a Robinson R22 on floats came in and could be photographed nice from airside. The Bell 206 arrived too and finally one of the Bells of Alpen Helicopters was

outside, another nice catch. Some more helicopters were flying, but they were already noted before.

### 31 July 2009 Seattle

N105TV AS350B2 Ecureuil King 5 Broadcasting  
 This chopper was spotted from the Space Needle tower in Seattle. The Ecureuil was landing on one of the many heliports on building roofs.

### 31 July 2009 Everett-Paine Field KPAE

59-2584	B-52G	USAF
73-1682	C-9C	USAF
73-1683	C-9C	USAF
C-FWSE	Boeing 737-800	Westjet
G-DHLE	Boeing 767-300F	DHL
G-YMMU	Boeing 777-200ER	British Airways
N16292	Piper PA.34-200	Morcom Aviation Services
N453BA	Boeing 777F	Boeing
(N747EX)	Boeing 747-8F	Cargolux
N780BA	Boeing 747-400LCF	Boeing
(N7874)	Boeing 787-8	Boeing
N787BA	Boeing 787-8	Boeing
(N787BX)	Boeing 787-8	Boeing
N787EX	Boeing 787-8	ANA
(N787FT)	Boeing 787-8	Boeing
(N787ZA)	Boeing 787-8	Boeing
NX5087F/"2106638/E9-R"	P-51B Mustang	John T Sessions His. Air. Found.

In the afternoon a visit to Paine Field was paid. Paine Field is one of three airports near Seattle dominated by Boeing (next to Boeing Field and Renton). All civil Boeing heavies are assembled here. Spotting was done at the parking lot of the Future of Flight Center and during a Boeing guided tour.

The parking lot offers awesome photo opportunities when RWY 16 is in use. Both landing and departing aircraft can be photographed without stairs as you stand on a hill. Light is best in the afternoon, after 15.00h.

The Boeing tour (1.5 hours) brought us by bus to the assembly line of the Boeing 747 and 787. Unfortunately both binoculars and cameras are absolutely forbidden. The registrations between brackets are not yet worn on the aircraft, but found on the internet.

The number of movements wasn't high this Friday afternoon. Before and after the tour, "only" a C-9, BA Triple Seven and the Dreamlifter were flying, next to the smaller stuff. The ANA Boeing 787 did some engine tests this afternoon, but didn't move at all.

After dinner at the Pizza Hut (the American way of life...), it was time to look for our Travelodge hotel in Seattle to spend the night.

### 1 August 2009 Seattle-Boeing Field KBFI

(A30-001)/N378BC	Boeing 737-700	Australian AF
(A30-002)/N358BJ	Boeing 737-700	Australian AF
MM6244/10	Fiat G.91PAN	Frecce Tricolori
(06-001)/N356BJ	Boeing 737-700	Turkish AF
6550	MH-65C Dolphin	US Coast Guard
158794/NH-502	A-6E Intruder	US Navy
158977/7A013-WH	AV-8C Harrier	US Marines
160382/AJ-202	F-14A Tomcat	US Navy
162826/1	F/A-18A Hornet	Blue Angels
...../2	F/A-18A Hornet	Blue Angels
163130/3	F/A-18A Hornet	Blue Angels
...../4	F/A-18A Hornet	Blue Angels
162411/5	F/A-18A Hornet	Blue Angels

...../6	F/A-18A Hornet	Blue Angels
161723/7	F/A-18B Hornet	Blue Angels
...../7	F/A-18B Hornet	Blue Angels
164763	C-130T Hercules	Blue Angels
167953	P-8A Poseidon	US Navy
51-7066	WB-47E Stratojet	USAF
58-6970	C-137B Stratoliner	USAF
73-1674	JE-3C Sentry	USAF
90-0252/MO	F-15E Eagle	USAF
91-0328/MO	F-15E Eagle	USAF
94-0140/CB	T-1A Jayhawk	USAF
95-0058/CB	T-1A Jayhawk	USAF
04-3733/VN/33FTS	T-6A Texan	USAF
05-0932	C-40C	USAF
07-3875/VN	T-6A Texan	USAF
07-3896/VN	T-6A Texan	USAF
CNA-FJ/"7469"	MiG-17F	North-Vietnamese AF
G-BOAG	Concorde 102	British Airways
N108SL	Piaggio P.180 Avanti	Stephen J Lockwood
N132SL	Piaggio P.180 Avanti	Aircraft Ventures
N143LG	Learjet 35A	Life Med Alaska
N17A	Learjet 36A	Avstar
N219L	Cessna 525B	Estrella Aviation III
N21SG	Cessna 421C	private
N22NA/"93222/TA-222"	T-6G	private
N265FX	Learjet 60	Bombardier Biz Jet Solutions
N271DV	Falcon 900EX	Poplar Glen
N27BL	Learjet 35A	Airnet Systems
N316MS	Beech 200	Medstar
N340RJ	Cessna 340A	Welsh Richard
N346QS	Cessna 680	Netjets
N357QS	Cessna 680	Netjets
N362FW	Learjet 35A	Guardian Flight
N393GH	Beech 400A	Riverton Management Resources
N4186B	Aero Commander 520	private
N41SM	Cessna 550	American Care Air
N422FL	Beech 400A	Flight Options
N426KM	Cessna 208	Kenmore Air
N4451P	Piper PA.23-160	
N4549Q	Cessna 402A	Aeroflight
N46PA	Piper PA.46-310P	private
N5066Q	Cessna 310N	Bond Bruce L
N511PS	Beech 300	DC Air
N515NA	Boeing 737-100	NASA
N53DA	SA227TT	Nimbus
N55RF	BAe 125-800A	National Aircraft Leasing
N566QS	Cessna 560XLS	Netjets
N57439	Boeing 737-900ER	Continental Airlines
N583CE	Cessna 560	Lakeside Industries
N650GC	Cessna 650	Western Air & Walter
N6684B	Beech 200	J&D Aircraft Sales
N670EW	Robinson R44	Classic Helicopter Corp. Seattle
N681EV	Beech C90A	Soft Landing
N690BK	Aero Commander 690B	Staff Funds
N694MA	Cessna 208B	Kenmore Air Express
N703S	Boeing 737-200	Sierra Pacific
N71749	Piper PA.31-350	Aeroflight



N717L	Beech 95-B55	Puddy Lavern B
N71FH	Robinson R22	Boatpix
N71KP	UH-1H	King County Sheriff
N7250T	Beech 200	Puget Sound Energy
N728TB	DHC-2 Beaver	
N7470	Boeing 747-100	Boeing
N74KA	Cessna 208B	Kenmore Air Express
N757A	Boeing 757-200	Boeing
N789JC	Falcon 50	Falcon Aircraft Leasing
N836NK	MD-83	Spirit Airlines
N838TH	Learjet 45	MCCCKC
N85DR	Beech C90	Fisher Creek Aviation
N869AV	Learjet 60	Brenden Group
N874AA	Boeing 727-200	American Airlines
N877FL	Beech 400A	Cly Aviation
N896QS	BAe 125-800XP	Netjets
N933GC/"21306"	T-33A	private
N951AL	Agusta A109E	Airlift Northwest
N951RM	CL-601	Durden Enterprises II
N992SC	Raytheon 390 Premier 1A	DW Aviation
N997SB	Beech C99	Ameriflight
N998QS	Cessna 750	Netjets
NC91008	DC-3A	

Believe it or not, but this was only a tenth of what was present outside hangars at the airport. On Saturday morning, we drove to Boeing Field and stayed all day at the parking lot of the Museum of Flight. The parking lot has excellent opportunities to photograph aircraft landing at RWY 31L in the afternoon (after 15.00h.). Only drawback is the fence which requires at least 4-step stairs. But mind the Boeing security, I've no idea how they handle with large stairs along the fence. If you don't have stairs, you can also walk back to photograph (some) landing aircraft, although heathaze is a big problem on hot days like today.

Some museum aircraft are parked outside, but cannot be photographed clean.

Traffic was busy today, bizzers are coming and going, even in the weekend. The Blue Angels (including Fat Albert), the T-Bird and the two Mountain Home Eagles performed a display above Lake Washington due to the annual Seattle Seafair. The Columbus Jayhawks and Vance Texans departed around 16.30h. but to my surprise they came back a few minutes later. Apparently a (very) short test flight.

All in all, this Boeing airport is more interesting to visit than the one in Everett, at least if you have stairs and good wind.

### 1 August 2009 Seattle-Boeing Field KBFI (Seattle-Tacoma KSEA)

C-FWJB	CRJ 100ER	Air Canada Jazz
N403QX	Dash 8-400	Horizon Air
N407QX	Dash 8-400	Horizon Air
N416QX	Dash 8-400	Horizon Air
N433QX	Dash 8-400	Horizon Air
N47414	Boeing 737-900ER	Continental Airlines
N618QX	CRJ 701	Horizon Air
N628VA	Airbus A320-200	Virgin Atlantic
N649AS	Boeing 737-700	Alaska Airlines
N784AS	Boeing 737-400	Alaska Airlines
N795AS	Boeing 737-400	Alaska Airlines
N902WN	Boeing 737-700	Southwest Airlines

These aircraft were read off from my photos, taken at Boeing Field. The aircraft, however, were going to land at SeaTac, not at Boeing Field itself.

## 2 August 2009 Chilliwack CYCW

C-FIPV	Piper PA.31-350	Dorman Air Services
C-FLYT	Piper PA.60-601P	OEM Battery Systems
C-FPWL	Piper PA.23-250	Pro Wings Aviation
C-FVLY	Bell 407	Valley Helicopters
C-FXBC	AS355F2	Blackcomb Aviation
C-FXIP	AS350BA Ecureuil	Kestrel Helicopters
C-GDJR	Piper PA.31	private
C-GGQL	Bell 206B	Far West Helicopters
C-GJGS	Short SC-7 Skyvan	Summit Air
C-GTCY	Piper PA.34-200T	private
C-GULI/"411"	T-28A Trojan	Transwest Helicopters
C-GVCJ	BN-2A Islander	Sifton Air
C-GVTM	Bell 206B	Far West Helicopters
C-GZFT	Bell 206L-1	Far West Helicopters
N4913V	DH104 Devon 5A	J&D Expeditors
N6008V	Lake LA-4-200	private
N626JB	Cessna 401	Sands Realty Group
P2-MBQ	Dornier Do 228-200	Milne Bay Air

This Sunday afternoon I spent a couple of hours at the quiet airfield of Chilliwack, east of Abbotsford. The airfield has one east-west runway and all aprons are north of that.

Because of the backlight, it's necessary to get airside access to get any decent shots out of your visit. The good thing is, that's no problem at all! The airport doesn't have a control tower (only a 'traffic' frequency, the airplanes are talking to nobody...) nor an airport management, so no-one can say you're not allowed airside. Through the small terminal you can reach the aprons, but don't forget to put on your yellow safety jacket and stay well clear of airplanes and helicopters with their engines running.

Best time to visit is probably the afternoon. The Papua New Guinea registered Do 228 (the wings laid next to the fuselage) was hidden behind a hangar on the eastern part and wore its registration vaguely, except for the 'Q' on the nose.

## 2 August 2009 Abbotsford CYXX

101035	CF-101B Voodoo	Canadian AF
SAN-121	Bell 212	Panamanian AF
SAN-125	Bell 212	Panamanian AF
C-FADS	Piper PA.30	Coastal Pacific Aviation
C-FEFK/74	US-2B Firecat	Conair
C-FEFX/75	TS-2A Firecat	Conair
C-FFIF	Piper PA.60-600	Conair
C-FJOH/76	TS-2A Firecat	Conair
C-FOPY/69	CS-2F Firecat	Conair
C-FWSK	Boeing 737-700	Westjet
C-GDFR	Piper PA.31-325	Island Express Air
C-GRCG	Piper PA.30	Coastal Pacific Aviation
C-GSXX	Piper Aerostar 600	Conair
C-GWXL	Piper PA.31-350	Orca Airways
C-GYFG	Cessna 402B	Airspeed Aviation
HL9144	Bell 214B	
N287F	Lockheed L-188C Electra	Lynden Air Cargo

A little bit disappointing visit to Abbotsford on Sunday evening. The airport is very spotting unfriendly: everything is extremely fenced, parking is almost nowhere allowed and without any logic in the runway usage (a north-south and an east-west one, with the east-west being the longest) it's almost impossible to take decent pictures from outside. And as you can understand, getting airside access on a Sunday evening is not the easiest thing.

Most aprons are at the west side of the airport, north of runway 07-25. Next to the based Conair fire fighting aircraft, the only regular traffic is a Westjet B737.



Second try at Abbotsford this evening, and this one turned out to be a lot better. Preparations for the famous annual airshow were going on and some aircraft had already arrived, so things were a little more open now.

The DC-6 and some of the stored Firecats (and one operational) could be photographed perfectly in the evening sun. Note that there are more Firecats stored next to the Cascade hangar than listed, but I wasn't able to read them off this evening.

Furthermore, a great ride was arranged along all aircraft present for the show. A big thanks to the Abbotsford Airshow Security man who drove me around!

### 6 August 2009 Langley CYNJ

L81-303	Bell 205A1	Tunisian AF	<b>cn 30313</b>
C-FMLI	Piper Aerostar 601P		
C-GWVN	Piper PA.23-250	Godspeed Aviation	

A second exotic military helicopter at Langley! Just a part of the registration was still painted on the tail, together with the cn. With some help the complete serial was found. Thanks!

My flight in the Sky Quest Aviation Beech 76 was cancelled today, Sunday I'll have a new chance.

### 7 August 2009 Abbotsford CYXX

12411	CH-124B Seaking	Canadian AF
114009/1	CT-114 Tutor	Snowbirds
114013/10	CT-114 Tutor	Snowbirds
114050/5	CT-114 Tutor	Snowbirds
114051/4	CT-114 Tutor	Snowbirds
114071/2	CT-114 Tutor	Snowbirds
114104/6	CT-114 Tutor	Snowbirds
114109/8	CT-114 Tutor	Snowbirds
114131/3	CT-114 Tutor	Snowbirds
114146/11	CT-114 Tutor	Snowbirds
114161/9	CT-114 Tutor	Snowbirds
114172/7	CT-114 Tutor	Snowbirds
140102	CP-140 Aurora	Canadian AF
142804	CT-142 Dash 8	Canadian AF
146403	CH-146 Griffon	Canadian AF
188910	CF-188B Hornet	Canadian AF
188936	CF-188B Hornet	Canadian AF
ZH102	Sentry AEW1	Royal Air Force
6550	MH-65C Dolphin	US Coast Guard
166452/NJ-126	F/A-18F Hornet	US Navy
166463/NJ-133	F/A-18F Hornet	US Navy
60-0042/BD	B-52H	USAF
74-2067	C-130H Hercules	USAF
78-0624/ID	A-10A	USAF
79-0194/ID	OA-10A	USAF
84-0002/AK	F-15C Eagle	USAF
85-0108/AK	F-15C Eagle	USAF
85-0130/AK	F-15D Eagle	USAF
85-0133/AK	F-15D Eagle	USAF
86-0345/CO	F-16C	USAF
86-0358/CO	F-16C	USAF
87-0117	KC-10A	USAF
87-0217/AL	F-16C	USAF
88-0501/HL	F-16C	USAF
89-1189	C-17A	USAF
90-0243/MO	F-15E Eagle	USAF
90-0753/HL	F-16C	USAF

92-3285	C-130H-3 Hercules	USAF
95-0058/CB	T-1A Jayhawk	USAF
C-FDMD	Beech 95-B55	Delta Lima Mike
C-FMPQ	EC-120B	Police
C-FTHU	Bell 206L-4	Talon Helicopters
C-FWVF	Lake LA-4-200	private
C-GIFB	Piper PA.30	Coastal Pacific Aviation
C-GISS	Aero Commander 680FL	CASARA
C-GITL	DHC-3 Otter	Viking Air
C-GODH	DHC-2 Beaver Mk.3	Viking Air
C-GQWJ	Boeing 737-700	Westjet
C-GUWJ	Boeing 737-700	Westjet
C-GWCY	Boeing 737-600	Westjet
C-GWJG	Boeing 737-700	Westjet
C-GWSB	Boeing 737-600	Westjet
CF-GME/"YR-I"	AT-16	Canadian Museum of Flight
CF-RFS/"20325/PR-325"	T-6J	private
CF-WLO/"20264"	Harvard Mk.4	private
N14004	Lake LA-4-250	Northwest Air Leasing
N1426D/"1426"	MiG-17F	
N26PJ/10	A-26C Invader	Air Spray
N416RG/"2"	Yak-18	private
N497CA	CASA C212-200	Fayard Enterprises
N512SE/"88-9421"	AT-6A	FWF
N6178C/"80483/MW"	F-7F3 Tigercat	John T Sessions Hist. Air. Found.
N779XP/"26132"	DHC-2 Beaver	John T Sessions Hist. Air. Found.
NX5087F/"2106638/E9-R"	P-51B Mustang	John T Sessions Hist. Air. Found.
(ZS-HCP)	Bell 206B	BCIT Aviation <b>cn 262</b>

Today was the first day of the Abbotsford Airshow. I decided to go on Friday, since that looked the best day speaking of weather and crowds. The gates opened at 08.00h. and after I paid \$25, I could enjoy the show.

The show offered some nice aircraft, which cannot be seen in Europe that often.

Some aircraft of 2 August and everything of 5 August, except for the Beech 200 and Piper 31, were present today as well.

Unfortunately none of the aircraft (yes, zero...) could be photographed in decent conditions. The flying display was south of the crowds, which means you have backlight all day. The static display cannot be photographed without wires, people etc., except for a Conair Firecat and one Canadian Hercules maybe. Besides that, it was overcast all day, I didn't even have one minute of sun.

Since the weather didn't seem to be clearing, I already left before 15.00h. After a quick look on the road south of the runway (outside the airfield), I learned that it may be possible to photograph the flying display without backlight when you are near the runway 07 threshold. There's just a small part of the road open, the major part is blocked and therefore not accessible.

All in all it was a little disappointing day and if you're only into photography, it's not worth the entrance fee, even when the sun is shining.

### 7 August 2009 Langley CYNJ

C-FLDA	Robinson R22	Heli-College Canada
C-GPPK	Robinson R44	private
N74KC	Hughes 369D	private

After the airshow at Abbotsford I had quick look at Langley Airport.

### 8 August 2009 Langley CYNJ

C-GALT	Robinson R44	
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### 9 August 2009 Langley CYNJ

C-FBQI	Bell 206B	Target Productions
C-FGXI	Robinson R44	
C-GGLA	Bell 206B	Alpha Helicopters

These two Jetrangers were spotted from the Beech 76 C-GTYG. In the afternoon I joined as a backseater an IFR training flight to practise an approach at Victoria airport. The flight lasted about 1:15 hours and I really enjoyed the sight. It was my first flight in a twin prop by the way.

Many thanks to Ed (teacher) and Arshan (student) of Sky Quest Aviation!

In the evening I paid the last visit to my homebase to say goodbye. One new chopper was spotted and the two Harvards returning from Abbotsford.

### 10 August 2009 Victoria CYYJ

C-FEXX	Cessna 208B	FedEx
C-FEXY	Cessna 208B	FedEx
C-FGQK	Dash 8-100	Air Canada Jazz
C-FNGV	Piper PA.31-350	Pacific Sky Aviation
C-FRID	CRJ 100ER	Air Canada Jazz
C-FWCN	Boeing 737-700	Westjet
C-GAMI	SA227AC	Carson Air
C-GDFR	Piper PA.31-325	Island Express Air
C-GRJA	Piper PA.31-350	Pacific Sky Aviation
C-GXPC	Piper PA.34-200T	Pacific Sky Aviation

Today we drove to Victoria (capital of BC, at Vancouver Island) and had a quick stop at the airport. Since it was raining all day, I only wrote down some numbers from near the terminal. Tomorrow hopefully a new chance.

### 10 August 2009 Victoria Harbour Sea Plane Base CYWH

C-FGOE	DHC-6-100 Twin Otter	Westcoast Air
C-FGOH	DHC-6-100 Twin Otter	Westcoast Air
C-FHAA	DHC-3T Turbine Otter	Harbour Air
C-FJHA	DHC-3T Turbine Otter	Harbour Air
C-FMHR	DHC-6-100 Twin Otter	Westcoast Air
C-FOCY	DHC-2 Beaver	Harbour Air
C-GEZS	DHC-2 Beaver	Westcoast Air
C-GHAR	DHC-3T Turbine Otter	Harbour Air
C-GUTW	DHC-3T Turbine Otter	Harbour Air
N17598	DHC-2 Beaver	Kenmore Air

Downtown Victoria I wrote these numbers down in rain. The Inner Harbour SPB has two docks, one 'Canadian' (Westcoast Air and Harbour Air) and one 'American' (Kenmore Air). The last one is a little more north and less busy than the Canadian one. Quite a lot of floatplanes were the same as spotted in Vancouver, with Vancouver being rather busier than Victoria.

Taking pictures can be done in the mornings from or near the docks. Another possibility is to shoot from the park a little west of the docks. Light is here good in the afternoon as well. Photography is less perfect than in Vancouver Harbour, but when you're around it's a nice opportunity to catch some Kenmore Air planes in Canada.

### 11 August 2009 Victoria Harbour Sea Plane Base CYWH

C-FHAD	DHC-3T Turbine Otter	Harbour Air
C-FWTE	DHC-6-100 Twin Otter	Westcoast Air
C-GQKN	DHC-6-100 Twin Otter	Westcoast Air

As the sun was shining when I woke up on this Tuesday, I decided to try to catch some Kenmore Air planes. Unfortunately no luck this morning, since there wasn't a single Kenmore Air around.

### 11 August 2009 Victoria-Camel Point Heliport CBF7

C-GHJP Sikorsky S-76A Helijet

This Helijet-heliport downtown Victoria is located west of the SPB, along the Dallas Road. The only helicopter present was already seen and photographed at the Vancouver heliport. Photography circumstances at the Victoria heliport are far from ideal, since everything is high fenced.

### 11 August 2009 Victoria CYYJ

12413	CH-124A Seaking	Canadian AF
12434	CH-124B Seaking	Canadian AF
12441	CH-124B Seaking	Canadian AF
C-FACV	Dash 8-300	Air Canada Jazz
C-FBCF	Beech 3NM	Keewatin Air
C-FDLZ/"70261/09"	Nanchang CJ-6A	private
C-FDNK	DHC-3T Turbine Otter	Viking Air
C-FERX	Cessna 180J	Clark Marine Group
C-FPUB	Learjet 25B	L&C Canada Coastal Aviation
C-FRUZ	Dash 8-300	Air Canada Jazz
C-FSGI	Cessna 337	private
C-FVKC	Beech 300	Carson Air
C-FWSF	Boeing 737-700	Westjet
C-FYGM/"21467"	T-33AN	Planes To Remember Aviation
C-FZQS	Airbus A320-200	Air Canada
C-GGRP/"301"	L-29	Phoenix Hangars
C-GGWJ	Boeing 737-700	Westjet
C-GIWQ	DHC-3 Otter	
C-GJCQ	C-117D	
C-GJLK	Beech 300	Carson Air
C-GJSU	Beech 100	Northern Thunderbird Air
C-GKEY	Cessna 337G	Dekker Professional Corporation
C-GMJA	CRJ 200LR	Air Canada Jazz
C-GNDL	Piper PA.30	private
C-GNON	Dash 8-300	Air Canada Jazz
C-GPCP	Beech 200	Pacific Coastal Airlines
C-GPJD	Piper PA.23	private
C-GRTI	Cessna 182H	High Alpine Air Services
C-GSPW	Boeing 737-200	Canadian North
C-GSWK	SA226TC	Sunwest Aviation
C-GTAG	Dash 8-300	Air Canada Jazz
C-GWKF	Boeing 727-200	Kelowna Flightcraft / Purolator
C-GWSB	Boeing 737-600	Westjet
C-GYOK	DHC-2 Beaver	Viking Air
CF-BMS/22	A-26C Invader	Conair
CF-THG	Vickers Viscount 757	Air Canada
N128MC	Cessna 340A	private
N431QX	Dash 8-400	Horizon Air
N466MW	Beech 200	KA Partners
N4721/"55144/961"	Sikorsky CH-19E	
N473CW	Gulfstream IV	AVN Air
N780GT	Cessna 650	Air GTI
N822DS	Cessna 680	Cessna Finance Corporation
N923SW	CRJ 200LR	United Express

Second visit to Victoria International. Now without rain and even some (too short) sunny spells.

The airport is located some 20 kilometres north of the city of Victoria. Next to the bizzers, there's quite some scheduled airline traffic here (although more of the same) and some Seakings of the 443 sqn are based here. The three runways make a scanner

useful, you can listen to the ATIS to know which one is in use. Most planes use runway 09-27, but the other two runways are also used now and then (shorter taxi time).

At the west side of the terminal, there is a sort of spotting hill with benches and a free parking lot. The hill is high enough to photograph over the fence (not always, so stairs might be handy) and sun is good almost all day. Aircraft taxiing in or out the south (main) terminal can be photographed with a nice clean background. Line-ups and landings of runway 02 can be photographed excellent in the morning from the hill as well.

Inside the terminal there's an observation deck on the third floor, which can only be reached by elevator. Seats are available, but if you don't like classic music, your stay probably won't be long. There's no way to stop the annoying music which is played all day long and rather loud.

Since there is a window in front of you, photography is not advised here. And the limited apron overview makes this spot only useful when it's cold or rainy and you have no car.

At the end of the day I did a tour around the airport to catch some more registrations and look for other spotting places. I can conclude that the hill near the terminal is the only good spotting place if you have no stairs and probably one of the best places at all.

### **11 August 2009 Victoria Airport Sea Plane Base CAP5**

C-FFWY	Cessna 180C	private
C-GHQT	Cessna 180F	private
C-GHZP	Cessna A185F	Pat Bay Air
C-GUOY	DHC-2 Beaver	Viking Air
C-GVPB	DHC-2 Beaver	Viking Air
C-GYBL	Cessna 180K	JMC Forest Maintenance

The SPB of Victoria Airport is located at the approach path of runway 09, along the West Saanich Road (17A). Photography is not easy here because of the fences, but reading off shouldn't be a problem.

### **12 August 2009 Langley CYNJ**

C-FNPZ	Piper PA.23-160	private
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On the way to Kelowna a quick stop at my 'homebase' was too hard to resist. It resulted in one new aircraft and just after I left, a Sikorsky S-61 came in...

### **12 August 2009 Penticton CYYF**

C-FBIT	Cessna 180F	Adios Airlines
C-FEKF/45	Convair 340-32	Conair
C-FFKF/44	Convair 340-31	Conair
C-FHMA	Mitsubishi MU-2B-60	Jetstream Capital Corporation
C-FKFA/52	Convair 340	Conair
C-FOCH	EC-120B	Canadian Helicopters
C-FOHK	Bell 212	Wildcat Helicopters
C-GCJO	Piper PA.44-180T	Renard Holdings
C-GLVG	Piper PA.60-600	Conair
C-GNLG	Bell 206B	Canadian Helicopters
C-GSKC	SA226TC	Carson Air

Penticton Airport is located along road 97, just west of the city. The airport has one north-south runway and all aprons are on the west side. It's a quiet airport and the only scheduled traffic is Air Canada Jazz.

If runway 34 is in use, you can photograph landing aircraft both in the early morning and late afternoon/evening. In the morning you can stand at the end of the beach parking near the entrance of the Sun Leisure Mobile Home Park, east of the runway. The concrete blocks are high enough to overlook the fence. Moreover you've an excellent overview on the airport here.

In the late afternoon/evening you can stand at the begin of the Airport Road. There's a rock available to overlook the fence.



From the terminal you have a limited view on the apron and photography is not recommended because of the windows. Next to the terminal you can photograph the aircraft and helicopters on the aprons, but bring your stairs here. You could also ask for permission to quickly photograph the helicopters outside.

A little more north the airtanker base of Conair is located. Permission was obtained to photograph all four aircraft in a nice afternoon sunlight and with great backgrounds. It made my day!

### 12 August 2009 Penticton Sea Plane Base CAH8

C-GUCJ	Cessna 172M	private
C-GXCI	Cessna A185F	private

The SPB is located just south of the airport, along the beach. Photography should be good from the beach in the afternoon.

### 13 August 2009 Kelowna CYLW

144618	CC-144C	Canadian AF
188761	CF-188 Hornet	Canadian AF
188767	CF-188 Hornet	Canadian AF
188780	CF-188 Hornet	Canadian AF
C-FCBC	Piper PA.18-150	private
C-FDLV	Pilatus PC-12/47	Dax Air Enterprises
C-FJJK	SA227AC	Carson Air
C-FJWS	Boeing 737-700	Westjet
C-FKFZ	Convair 580	Kelowna Flightcraft / Purolator
C-FLHR	Boeing 727-200	Flair Air
C-FRDN	Piper PA.31-350	Canadian Flyers International
C-GABO	Dash 8-300	Air Canada Jazz
C-GCRA	Fairchild F-27J	Norcanair
C-GKBS	Piper PA.23-250	private
C-GKFY	Convair 340	Kelowna Flightcraft
C-GKPK	Cessna 340A	private
C-GPHH	DHC-2 Beaver	private
C-GSFB	Beech 76	Carson Air
C-GWSK	Boeing 737-600	Westjet
C-GWVM	Cessna 182G	private
D-APBD	Boeing 737-800	Privatair
N157JR	Convair C-131F	Kelowna Flightcraft
N228AM	SA226TC	Gas Wilson
N4753B	Convair C-131E	
N538JA	Convair 580	Era Aviation
N569JA	Convair 580	Era Aviation
N650PA	SA227AC	Pen Air

This afternoon I visited the airport of Kelowna. The airport is a little north of the city and signposted from highway 97. The airport has one north-south runway and all operations take place on the west side. With calm winds (which is most of the time) the runway usage can be really frustrating. Scheduled traffic contains Air Canada (Jazz), Westjet and Horizon Air. If you're lucky you may catch one of the Kelowna Flightcraft oldies, although most of these logged planes won't fly anymore.

Like other airports, Kelowna is high fenced, so taking pictures of aircraft on the aprons is hard without stairs. That is, if the aircraft aren't blocked by hangars, vehicles or other stuff.

If runway 16 is in use, the aircraft can be photographed perfectly in the approach with 300mm (or more for the small ones).

In the early morning it is also possible to take some pictures of the landings on runway 34 and take-offs on runway 16 (larger planes) when you're standing near the dog training area on the east side of the runway. On a 1.5 crop factor camera, 300mm or more is required on this spot. The F-27 can also be photographed from here.

The terminal has an observation deck with windows, but there's a very limited view. The golf course at the southwest corner is neither good for photography since the approach path is blocked by bushes and trees. Besides that, I'm not sure if your camera is safe from the golf balls...

### 15 August 2009 Penticton CYYF

C-FFCE	AS355F1	Eclipse Helicopters
C-FQNS	AS350B2 Ecureuil	Canadian Helicopters
C-GMTR	BAe 125-800A	Sunwest Aviation
C-GRGN	Bell 206B	Canadian Helicopters
C-GXHC	Bell 206B	Canadian Helicopters

After a non-spotting day (yesterday it was raining all day long) I paid a short visit to Penticton again.

### 16 August 2009 Osoyoos

C-FRJO	Cessna 180G	Norshore Aviation
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This airplane was spotted at the edge of a lake in the town of Osoyoos.

### 16 August 2009 Oliver CAU3

CF-WBS/"28608/LTA-608"	Harvard 4M	private
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The airfield of Oliver, along highway 97, is a tiny and quiet airfield. Spotting is far from great here because of the high fences and video surveillance, which is rather special for such an airstrip.

### 16 August 2009 Penticton CYYF

C-GBSR	Beech 95-C55
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One new aircraft was seen at Penticton in the afternoon.

### 17 August 2009 Kelowna CYLW

C-FASR	Pilatus PC-12/45	Airsprint
C-FCWJ	Boeing 737-700	Westjet
C-FLEJ	Boeing 737-400	Flair Air
C-FLER	Boeing 737-400	Flair Air
C-FWBL	Boeing 737-700	Westjet
C-FWSC	CRJ 100ER	Air Canada Jazz
C-GAMV	Cessna 172L	Integra Air
C-GCAW	SA226TC	Carson Air
C-GDLK	SA226TC	Carson Air
C-GGCA	Beech 1900D	Central Mountain Air
C-GGNT	Beech 58P	Lamb Ford Sales
C-GJLK	Beech 300	Carson Air
C-GKFG	Convair 340	Kelowna Flightcraft
C-GMPS	Bell 206B	Northern Air Support
C-GOHE	Robinson R22	Okanagan Mountain Helicopters
C-GPWP	Piper PA.31-350	Orca Airways
C-GSKC	SA226TC	Carson Air
C-GTAG	Dash 8-300	Air Canada Jazz
C-GTKF	Boeing 727-200	Kelowna Flightcraft / Purolator
C-GWCO	Boeing 737-600	Westjet
C-GWEL	Piper PA.46-500TP	Grimes Well Servicing

Today I woke up early to catch, among others, the Friendship at Kelowna Airport in the morning sun. The above was logged between 0630h. and 0830h.

### 17 August 2009 Vernon CYVK

C-FSMW	Bell 206L	Aerial Solutions
C-FTJF	Cessna 560	Kal Aviation Group
C-FTOM	Cessna 560	Kal Aviation Group

C-FTPG	Robinson R44	Tech Helicopters
C-GGIE	AS350B2 Ecureuil	Canadian Helicopters
C-GJBK	Agusta A119	JB Air
C-GJHB	EC-130B4	JB Air
C-GPWO	AS350BA Ecureuil	Vancouver Island Helicopters
C-GRRN	Lake LA-4-200	Pelly Lodge

After breakfast I spent a few hours at the airfield of Vernon, located west of the town and signposted from highway 97. It's a small airfield with one east-west runway and most of the aprons north of that. Airside permission was obtained, but to make the best out of your visit, you should be there in the early morning or late afternoon/evening. Traffic consist a mix of small single engine props, helicopters and bizzers.

#### **17 August 2009 Vernon Fire Zone**

C-FTYI	AS350B2 Ecureuil	Heliproducts Industries
C-GGIE	AS350B2 Ecureuil	Canadian Helicopters

Above highway 97 south of Vernon, a small heliport can be found at 235 Bailey Road. It's used by helicopters for fire fighting.

#### **17 August 2009 Kelowna - The Jammery**

C-GOHV	Robinson R44	Okanagan Mountain Helicopters
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This helicopter operates on behalf of The Jammery, a restaurant/shop 2 kilometres north of Kelowna Airport, along highway 97. Pleasure flights can be made for 64 CAD on Wednesday-Sunday. Taking decent pictures is only possible when the helicopter arrives or departs because of the ugly orange fence around the whole helicopter. Photography is probably best in the early morning or late afternoon.

#### **18 August 2009 Kelowna CYLW**

C-FBWJ	Boeing 737-700	Westjet
C-FSJF	CRJ 100ER	Air Canada Jazz
C-GCAU	SA226TC	Carson Air
C-GFSV	Beech 1900D	Central Mountain Air
C-GKFU	Convair 340	Kelowna Flightcraft / Purolator
C-GMPK	AS350B3 Ecureuil	Police
C-GOHL	Robinson R44	Okanagan Mountain Helicopters
C-GPLT	Pilatus PC-12/45	Martini Aviation
C-GSHZ	SA227DC	Sunwest Aviation
C-GSLI	Bell 212	Skyline Helicopters
C-GWCN	Boeing 737-700	Westjet

Again an early morning visit: the above was logged between 0645h. and 0845h. The sun was shining and the highlight was definitely the Convair that came in on runway 34.

#### **18 August 2009 Kelowna**

C-GYVB	Cessna R172K	Air Hart Aviation
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This floatplane was spotted in the marina in the city centre of Kelowna.

#### **18 August 2009 Kelowna–Alpine Heliport CAB7**

C-FMGM	Kaman K-1200 K-Max	Lakelse Air
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At the Alpine Heliport, located between highway 97 and Industrial Road, this K-Max was standing outside. More was in the hangars, but this was not noted.

#### **18 August 2009 Kelowna-Wildcat Heliport**

C-FOHK	Bell 212	Wildcat Helicopters
C-GTAK	Bell 206B	Ellis Air

A little more farther, along the Dominion Road, the Wildcat Heliport can be found. With a little more difficulty than I was used to, permission was obtained to photograph the Bell 212 outside. The Jetranger was standing in the hangar.

### 18 August 2009 Merritt CAD5

C-FAVY	Bell 407	Valley Helicopters
C-FTVL	Bell 212	Tasman Helicopters

The tiny airfield of Merritt, northeast of the town, is a very quiet airport. Since there were no airport managers nor significant fences, walking on the aprons was no problem. Unfortunately the sun was right on the nose of the helicopters, so no decent pictures could be made. Best time to be there is in the morning or after 1730h.

### 18 August 2009 Hope

C-GTYV	Bell 206B	Valley Helicopters
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The Valley Helicopters heliport in Hope is located near exit 168 of highway 1. The Jetranger just came in and was photographed in a nice late afternoon sun.

### 18 August 2009 Hope CYHE

C-FQGO	Cessna 336	private
C-GUSW	Bell 206B	Pacific Rim Helicopters

We ended the day at the small airfield of Hope, not far from the heliport. After a short look-around, we went to our bed & breakfast in town.

### 19 August 2009 Langley CYNJ

C-FJJO	Hughes 369HS	Hunter Helicopters
N616CK	Sikorsky S-61N	Croman

Saying goodbye to such a nice airfield is not easy, but it had to be done today.

### 19 August 2009 Pitt Meadows CYPK

C-FDAC	Lake LA-4-200	private
C-FLME	AS350B2 Ecureuil	Whitney Helicopters
C-FRDN	Piper PA.31-350	Canadian Flyers International
C-FXAK	Piper PA.30	private
C-GHKF	Lake LA-4-200	Pacific Log Homes
C-GLGF	MD369FF	DK Heli-Cropper
C-GNAV	Piper PA.31	private
C-GSBV	Cessna 320A	Beckland Equipment
CF-VAP	Cessna 310	private
N6895D	Piper Aerostarr 602P	Starbright Energy
TG-WOH	Bell 206B	<i>cn 3472</i>
9374	UH-1	436 <sup>th</sup> AW
NOX17J	Ecureuil	

As my flight to Düsseldorf was delayed for more than five hours, I had some spare time and decided to visit Pitt Meadows for a second time. Last two helicopters have rather strange serials. Their real identity is not known to me.

### 19 August 2009 Vancouver CYVR

B-16411	Boeing 747-400	Eva Air
B-18801	Airbus A340-300	China Airlines
C-FACF	Dash 8-300	Air Canada Jazz
C-FACT	Dash 8-300	Air Canada Jazz
C-FAWJ	Boeing 737-800	Westjet
C-FGLX	Embraer 190AR	Air Canada
C-FHJJ	Embraer 190AR	Air Canada
C-FHNP	Embraer 190AR	Air Canada
C-FJWS	Boeing 737-700	Westjet
C-FLSU	Airbus A320-200	Air Canada
C-FYJE	Airbus A319-100	Air Canada
C-GARO	Airbus A319-100	Air Canada
C-GBZR	Boeing 767-300ER	Air Canada
C-GHLA	Boeing 767-300ER	Air Canada

C-GJWD	Airbus A321-200	Air Canada
C-GKFB	DC-10-30F	Kelowna Flightcraft
C-GLJZ	CRJ 705ER	Air Canada Jazz
C-GSCA	Boeing 767-300ER	Air Canada
C-GWSA	Boeing 737-800	Westjet
D-ALPH	Airbus A330-200	Air Berlin
G-CIVT	Boeing 747-400	British Airways
N426QX	Dash 8-400	Horizon Air
ZK-OKG	Boeing 777-200ER	Air New Zealand

While waiting for our Air Berlin airplane (D-ALPH), the above was read off from the terminal. Finally we departed five and a half hours later than planned.

### **20 August 2009 Düsseldorf EDDL**

VP-BBH	Boeing 737-300	KD Avia
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And that was the end of an unforgettable holiday in Canada with lots of great memories.