

The CanJet pilot group continues to grow, operating an all-next-generation fleet of B-737-800s that increase fuel efficiency and range while reducing noise and carbon emissions. The 4-year collective bargaining agreement ratified in 2008 continues to support the growth and stability of the pilot group.

The company has purchased additional B-737-800s as part of its fleet renewal program. The -800s are configured to a 189-seat capacity and are equipped with a drop-down video system for passengers.

The CanJet pilot group made international headlines on April 19, 2009, during the attempted hijacking of Flight 918, which was crewed by Capt. James Murphy and First Officer Glenn Johnson. The heroic actions of the CanJet flight crew to thwart the effort were widely publicized and honored.

In a special ceremony at the prime minister's residence on June 15, the crew was praised for its outstanding professionalism and composure in response to the attempted hijacking that occurred at Sangster International Airport in Montego Bay, Jamaica.

During that luncheon, Canadian Prime

CJA at a Glance

Pilots Joined ALPA: 2006
Number of Pilots: 113
Operations: Provides subcontracting services to vacation charter airlines
Pilot Base: Halifax, N.S.
Headquarters: Halifax, N.S.
Fleet: 14 B-737-800s

Minister Stephen Harper acknowledged the crewmembers for their courageous conduct in gaining the safe release of every CanJet passenger on board the airplane and mitigating a potentially tragic situation. The crew received a standing ovation from Parliament. (See "Front Lines," August 2009, page 6.)

CanJet pilots became ALPA members in June 2006 and ratified their first collective bargaining agreement in June 2008. The 4-year agreement provides CanJet with job stability, enabling management to focus full-time on building CanJet as Canada's premier charter airline. "We did a great job maintaining good relations with management," says Tracey Hyndman, CanJet's Master Executive Council vice-chair. "It's a good start." 🌐

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CanJet Pilots Are Hopeful About The New Year

By ALPA Staff



Capt. James Murphy, left, and F/O Glenn Johnson flank Capt. Prater during the awards ceremony at the ALPA Air Safety Forum last August. They were presented the Aviation Security Award for Valour for their heroic acts that thwarted an attempt to hijack CanJet Flight 918 on April 19, 2009.