

GANDER, NL

FESTIVAL OF FLIGHT

JULY 30 - AUGUST 3, 2026



- DRONE SHOW
- KITCHEN PARTY
- MUSICFEST
- OPENING CEREMONIES
- COMEDY NIGHT
- DEMOLITION DERBY
- COMMUNITY BREAKFAST
- WORLD ON A PLATE
- COMMANDER GANDER RACE
- AND MUCH MORE!



YOU WON'T WANT TO MISS BIC AND THE BALLPOINTS ON GANDER DAY!

AMAZING LINEUP OF ENTERTAINMENT INCLUDING:

NICK EARLE & THE RECKLESS HEARTS
ULTIMATE ROCK SHOW - NL PROMOTIONS
THE SALT BEEF JUNKIES
THE DERINA HARVEY BAND
AND MANY MORE!

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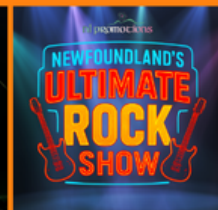
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THURSDAY, JULY 30TH

10am - 4pm - Shop 'til you drop at the [Come From Away Market](#) at Fraser Mall on Airport Boulevard! Browse unique creations from talented artisans and local vendors - you never know what treasures you'll discover.

11:30am - 1pm - Help us celebrate the incredible men and women of 9 Wing Gander at our annual [Support the Troops BBQ](#) at the Steele Community Centre on Airport Blvd. Enjoy live entertainment by Evelyn Jess while supporting the Military Family Resource Centre or the Gander Food Bank. Proudly sponsored by Dominion.

3 - 10pm - Head to the Steele Community Centre parking lot on Airport Blvd to enjoy Bracelet Day (\$65) at [Thomas Amusements](#). Coupons are \$2.75 and sheets are \$50.

6 - 7:30pm - Kick off the 2026 Festival of Flight at our [Opening Ceremonies](#) at Cobb's Pond Rotary Park (weather permitting)! Celebrate Commander Gander's birthday with free hot dogs, birthday cake, and plenty of Festival fun. Proudly sponsored by Dominion and Young's Industrial.

6pm - Enjoy a delicious home-cooked meal by Gene's Catering and an evening of traditional Newfoundland music with John, Stephanie & Neil at [Here to Stay](#), taking place at the Gander Curling Club. Tickets are \$60. Reserve by calling 709-424-9224 or 709-424-0500. Doors open at 5:30 p.m.

7pm - Discover the story behind Kenneth Lochhead's [Flight and Its Allegories](#) during this special mural interpretation at the Gander Airport International Lounge, presented by the International Lounge Foundation and Tours By Rhonda. Free admission.

8pm - Get ready for a fun-filled night of [BINGO](#) at the Gander Elks Lodge on Caldwell! With 16 exciting games, including an escalating jackpot in 53 numbers or less, Lucky 7, loonie jar, and a \$750 jackpot game, there's plenty to win! Doors open at 6pm, games start at 8pm, and drinks and snacks will be available for purchase at this 19+ event.

8:30pm - Put your knowledge to the test at [Festival of Flight Trivia Night](#) at Legends Lounge on Caldwell St! It's free to play, packed with laughs, prizes, and bragging rights. Reserve your table by calling 709-256-2044. Ages 19+.

10pm - It's a full night of great live music at the [Oasis Lounge](#) on Airport Blvd! Brock & Doc will be playing your favourite tunes and the Bog Dogs will take the stage with a high energy mix of country, rock and blue grass. Cover charge: \$10.

FRIDAY, JULY 31ST

10am - 4pm - Discover one-of-a-kind treasures at the [Come From Away Market](#) at Fraser Mall on Airport Boulevard! Browse handmade creations, shop local, and pick up the perfect keepsake from your visit.

11am - Put your detective skills to the test with the [International Lounge Scavenger Hunt](#) at Gander International Airport! This fun, kid-friendly adventure includes age-appropriate clues, and every participant wins a prize. Register by emailing gandergoodsshop@gmail.com with your name and age.

11am - 2pm - Grab a delicious hot dog or hamburger at the [Come From Away Fundraiser BBQ](#) at Fraser Mall! Served by some of the real-life people featured in the Broadway musical, all proceeds support Meals to Give.

Noon - 2pm - Bring the whole family to the [Kids Picnic at the Airport](#) on the main lawn of Gander International Airport! Enjoy games, face painting, food, drinks, and plenty of fun. Free admission. This outdoor event is weather dependent.

1 - 8pm - Take in the beautiful craftsmanship at the [Fraser Road United Church Quilt Show](#) on Brochen Street. Admission is \$5, with proceeds supporting the United Church of Canada's Mission and Service Fund.

2pm - Celebrate community at the [Festival of Flight Seniors' Tea](#) at the Salvation Army! Enjoy live music by Eclectic Sound, tasty treats, and wonderful company. Free admission, but tickets are required and available beginning July 15 at the Steele Community Centre. Sponsored by Rosie's Restaurant & Bakery, Gander Bread Box, and Tim Hortons.

3 - 10pm - Head to the Steele Community Centre parking lot on Airport Blvd to enjoy Bracelet Day (\$65) at [Thomas Amusements](#). Coupons are \$2.75 and sheets are \$50.

4pm - Everyone's invited to the [Gander Gospel Hall Community BBQ](#) on Magee Road! Enjoy free food, a bouncy castle, cotton candy, and family fun.

6pm - Pick your case for a chance to win [Deal or No Deal](#) at Quality Hotel and Suites Theatre on Caldwell. Contestants will be randomly selected from the audience, so don't miss your chance! Admission is a donation to the Food Bank.

8pm - Get ready for a night of non-stop laughs at [Cleared for Comedy!](#) Join Gander's own Matt Wright and friends at the Gander International Airport for an evening packed with hilarious stand-up and unforgettable entertainment. Tickets are \$25 plus tax and service fee and go on sale July 21 through Showpass. Grab your tickets early and get ready to laugh the night away!

10pm - Come on down to the Oasis Lounge on Airport Blvd where local favourites [Local Smoke](#) will be rockin' as part of their "Follow the Smoke" Tour. With this great band on stage, you're going to want to spend the night on the dance floor. Cover is just \$10.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 1ST

9am - Ready, set, go! Lace up for the **Commander Gander 5K, 10K, or Kids Fun Run**. Whether you're racing for a personal best or just out for a great time, everyone is welcome! Visit YQXRC.ca for details. Proudly sponsored by Subway.

10am - 1pm - Stop by Taxiway Charlie by GFT for a **static display** to meet the friendly COPA (Canadian Owners and Pilots Association) pilots, get an up-close look at some aircraft, and discover fascinating facts about the world of aviation. Whether you're a lifelong aviation fan or just looking for a fun family activity, there's something for everyone!

10am - 3pm - Shop local at the **Festival Craft Fair** at the Gander Elks Lodge on Caldwell Street! Browse more than 30 vendors offering handmade crafts, baked goods, books, pet products, and so much more. Admission is free—bring a non-perishable food item or monetary donation for the Gander Food Bank. Gourmet on the Go will be serving up delicious eats on site.

10am - 4pm - Marvel at beautiful handcrafted quilts during the **Quilt Show** at Fraser Road United Church on Brochen Street. Admission is \$5, with proceeds supporting the United Church of Canada's Mission and Service Fund.

11am - Little ones are invited to **Flight Storytime** at the Gander Public Library! Enjoy stories, rhymes, and a fun craft. Free to attend. Register by calling 709-651-5354 or emailing gander@nlpl.ca.

1 - 2pm - Get ready to make a splash! Kids ages 5–12 can race through the **Splash Ball** water obstacle course at the Athletics Field on Penney Avenue. Admission is a donation to the Gander Food Bank.

1 - 10pm - Head to the Steele Community Centre parking lot on Airport Blvd to enjoy Bracelet Day (\$65) at **Thomas Amusements**. Coupons are \$2.75 and sheets are \$50.

4 - 6pm - Take flight at the North Atlantic Aviation Museum's **Glider Toss**! This free family event at the museum on the Trans Canada Highway, features glider competitions, face painting, free museum admission, prize draws, and a BBQ with refreshments available for purchase.

6 - 8pm - Bounce into the fun at the **XHeight Zone Glow Party** on Catalina Drive! Enjoy two hours of jump time for just \$10 plus tax with promo code Festival2026. Pre-registration is recommended - call 709-651-7570 to reserve your spot.

6 - 8 pm - Check out the **Demolition Derby Show & Shine** at Central Auto Body on Carr Crescent! Enjoy an up-close look at the derby cars, plus a free BBQ item and cold drinks. Presented by Central Auto Body and Deep Kleen.

8:30pm - Looking for the ultimate summer night out? Then don't miss **NL's Biggest Kitchen Party** at the Steele Community Centre on Airport Boulevard! Doors open at 8:00 p.m., and the music starts at 8:30 p.m. The night kicks off with Mixed Tapes, bringing all your favourite throwback hits and party anthems. Next up is Newfoundland's Ultimate Rock Show, presented by NL Promotions, featuring the biggest rock classics that are guaranteed to have you singing and dancing along. Closing out the night is Nick Earle and the Reckless Hearts, whose high-energy blues-rock performance and incredible musicianship will keep the party going until the lights come on. Tickets are \$25 (plus tax & surcharge) until Friday, July 31st, and \$40 on Saturday, August 1st. Buy online at showpass.com. Must be 19+ with valid ID. Want to skip the line at the bar? Pre-order your drink tickets by calling 709-651-5927. Sponsored by Molson Coors and the Town of Gander, tickets are non refundable.

10:30pm - **SKEW** will be performing at the Oasis Lounge on Airport Blvd. This rock band from Central Newfoundland plays modern and classic rock with their own distinctive punches and flares. Cover is only \$10.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 2ND

9am-2pm - Hit the brand new Gander Nordic Disc Golf Course for the **Gander Disc Golf Birdie Derby**! Whether you're a seasoned pro or trying disc golf for the first time, everyone is welcome. Registration is \$40 and includes 3 unique discs - a \$55 value! Book a tee time for yourself or a group of up to four by contacting Gander Disc Golf on Facebook or at ganderdiscgolf2024@gmail.com. Meet at the Airport Nordic Ski Club chalet (Trans Canada East) to get started.

12pm - 12pm - Buckle up for high-octane action at the **2026 BGC Demolition Derby**, presented by Sideways Motorsports! Watch compact cars, trucks, vans, and limited weld competitors battle it out at the Raynham Derby Site. Green Flag is at 1:30pm and concessions will be available on site. Admission is \$10 (children under 2 are free).

1 - 6pm - Head to the Steele Community Centre parking lot on Airport Blvd to enjoy **Thomas Amusements Family Day**. Coupons are \$2.00 each or sheets are \$40.00.

6pm - Spend the evening enjoying a delicious home-cooked meal by Gene's Catering and live traditional Newfoundland music from John, Stephanie & Neil at **Here to Stay**, hosted at the Gander Curling Club. Tickets are \$60 and must be reserved by calling 709-424-9224 or 709-424-0500. Doors open at 5:30 p.m.

6-8pm - Take your taste buds around the world at **World on a Plate** in the historic Gander Airport International Lounge! Sample delicious dishes from eight different countries while enjoying vibrant entertainment from around the globe. Tickets are \$25 plus tax and surcharge and are available at Showpass. Sponsored by the Town of Gander.

MONDAY, AUGUST 3RD - GANDER DAY

8 - 10am - Fuel up for Gander Day at the [Gander & Area Chamber of Commerce Community Breakfast](#) at the Steele Community Centre on Airport Blvd! Tickets are available at the door or in advance from the Tourist Information Centre. It's the perfect way to kick off a day of Festival fun.

1 - 10pm - Head to the Steele Community Centre parking lot on Airport Blvd to enjoy Bracelet Day (\$65) at [Thomas Amusements](#). Coupons are \$2.75 and sheets are \$50.



GANDER DAY CELEBRATIONS COBB'S POND ROTARY PARK



GANDER DAY ROAD CLOSURE - MAGEE ROAD

Magee Road from Airport Blvd to Carr Cres. will be closed to traffic from 1:00pm - 10:30pm on Monday, August 3rd for Gander Day. Accessible Parking will be available at Battlefield Parking Lot. Seniors Parking will be located in the Evangel Church parking lot on Magee. A shuttle service will be provided from Evangel Church to the Pond.

2 - 10pm - It's **Gander Day**! Head to Cobb's Pond Rotary Park and celebrate our civic holiday with an afternoon and evening packed with family fun. Enjoy inflatable rides, games with prizes sponsored by New Found Gold, delicious food, and entertainment for all ages. Admission is just a Festival Button (\$5).

The stage comes alive with **MusicFest** beginning at 2:00 p.m., featuring an incredible lineup of Kelly McMichael, Sherry Ryan, Beggar's Bush, Salt Beef Junkies, and Brewmasters.

At **6pm**, **Coldwater Junction** takes the stage with their outstanding harmonies and incredible musicianship.

At **7pm**, get ready for an unforgettable performance by 2024 ECMA Fans' Choice Entertainer of the Year, **The Derina Harvey Band**, guaranteed to have the crowd singing and dancing along.

8:30pm - Festival favourites **Bic and the Ballpoints** close out the concert with another high-energy show, proudly sponsored by Steele Hotels.

As dusk falls, don't miss the spectacular **Drone Show** - the only one of its kind in Newfoundland! This breathtaking display lights up the night sky and takes place rain or shine.

10:30pm - Keep the celebration going at the Oasis Lounge as **The Nowhere Boys** (Mick Davis, Craig Follett, and Adam Cardwell) close out the 2026 Festival of Flight with a night of classic rock favourites. Admission is \$15 at the door.



2026 FESTIVAL OF FLIGHT

KITCHEN PARTY

SATURDAY, AUGUST 1ST @ 8:30PM

STEELE COMMUNITY CENTRE - GANDER, NL

EARLY BIRD
\$25 plus tax & surcharge

DAY OF TICKETS
\$40 plus tax & surcharge

Tickets can be purchased at
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