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LGA Redevelopment Information Center Opens With Announcement of Vaughn Scholarships

The Port Authority of New York and New Jersey opened the new, permanent community office for the LGA Redevelopment Program at

98-12 Astoria Boulevard in East Elmhurst. Port Authority Executive Director Rick Cotton was joined by Queens Borough President



Melinda Katz, New York State Assemblyman Jeffrion Aubry, and other community leaders for a ribbon cutting ceremony and neighborhood welcome party.

The opening set the stage for the office's first official announcement: The Port Authority will partner with Vaughn College on a second round of full-tuition, four-year scholarships for Queens students. Building on a successful first year, Vaughn College will begin accepting applications for the program which also includes a guaranteed job with the Port Authority upon graduation.

"The Vaughn College Scholarship is yet another example of the way the Port Authority is committed to providing top opportunities and resources to its neighbors in the communities near its facilities," said Chairman Kevin O'Toole. "We look forward to welcoming another group of talented local students to the Port Authority family."

"We are committed to continuing to work with local organizations and residents as the

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Metropolitan Airport News Donates \$6,300 to Aviation High School

Metropolitan Airport News has raised \$6,300 for the Aviation High School Annex 5th Year Program through our annual December Charitable Giving Campaign. Since 2017 we have donated more than \$37,000 to local aviation-based charities. The Charitable

Giving Campaign donates \$100 per paid advertisement to the benefactor.

This year we are happy to announce that **Perfect Dental Care** is our Gold Sponsor and has matched our donation to the Aviation High School 5th Year program.

The presentation was hosted by the Council of Airline Maintenance Managers (CALMM) during their annual Holiday luncheon. This event is traditionally catered by the students of Aviation High School; each student prepared a dish for the buffet table. The amount of food was almost as impressive as the students. One cannot help but note the maturity and confidence of these 5th year students.

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Joined by Aviation High School faculty and 5th year students, Metropolitan Airport News presented the oversized check during the CALMM holiday gathering at the Annex at JFK Airport.



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Located in the nation's largest school district, Aviation High School is a highly sought-after school funded by New York City's Department of Education and accredited by the Federal Aviation Administration. The Annex, located at JFK International Airport, is the school's 5th year program where a very select group of students continue their training and test for Airframe and Powerplant (A&P) FAA certifications. These students are paired with major airlines and aviation companies at the

airport for paid internships.

If the predictions are accurate, we will require more than 750,000 aircraft maintenance technicians over the next 20 years. Programs like this are critical to keeping the aviation industry operating safely with quality mechanics and technicians.

Metropolitan Airport News is proud to support Aviation High School and the work it does promoting aviation as a career path for the young men and women in the metropolitan New York area. ■

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Port Authority Introduces Fresh New Approach to Employee Training for 2020

“Delivering exceptional experiences together, we will soar to new heights and proudly become the global standard for seamless air travel”

Small signs of big change are everywhere you look at the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey's airports. And behind the new lan-yards, the bright smiles, and the celebrations of jobs well done, a new way of serving our guests has emerged.

Driven by a freshly energized workforce and underpinned by **WE SOAR** – a robust airport employee engagement program – the airports' revamped core service values now reflect an overarching promise to employees and customers alike: By delivering exceptional experiences together, we will soar to new heights and proudly become the global standard for seamless air travel.

To accomplish this, nearly 40,000 employees from dozens of airport businesses have participated in classroom exercises or viewed a

training video since the start of 2019 to learn more about WE SOAR and its principles, which are captured with a few key words and phrases:

- **Welcome**
- **Exceed Expectations**
- **Seek to Connect**
- **Own It**
- **Approachability**
- **Respect**

The WE SOAR training program affirms that all employees, whether they interact directly with customers or work behind the scenes, can build relationships and bridge gaps to deliver world-class service.

In addition to receiving an introduction to the WE SOAR service values, more employees are now equipped with tools and technology to enable success. Airport Customer Experience



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Specialists, better known as ACES, carry tablets programmed with airport maps and real-time journey information so they can better address customers' needs and provide support to their co-workers.

Beyond training and new equipment, The Port Authority is acknowledging excellence, recognizing and rewarding the workforce

whose daily contributions turn service aspirations into a reality. Since September 2019, over 600 employees have been recognized via the online WE SOAR HIGHER nomination portal for providing outstanding customer service to guests from all over the globe. Using a simple web-based form, airport guests can recognize a service provider, and employees can nominate each other. Their stories appear on a virtual Wall of Excellence, like this one from December 15: “This young man gave very concise directions (we were confused and tired) and gave them with great cheer and lifted up our spirits.”

The Port Authority has committed to recognizing employees and volunteers monthly, quarterly, and annually across the airport system. Inspired individuals who put the WE SOAR principles into action will receive quarterly awards of \$500; annual award recipients will receive \$2,500.

It takes an extraordinary collaboration between the Port Authority, airport terminal operators, federal partners, and contracted service providers to operate our airports each day. So the next time you are walking through the airport, take a few minutes to visit **WeSoarHigher.com** and recognize one of the dedicated members of this special community. ■

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Aviation High School is certified by the United States Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) for the training of Aircraft Maintenance Technicians (AMTs). Students who successfully complete the school's technical programs are allowed to take their FAA certification examinations without further qualification. In order to achieve this, students at the school spend about three to four periods every day in "shop," technology related classes that concentrate on every aspect of an aircraft's structure, systems, and components, as well as more general aviation subjects such as aerodynamics and Federal Aviation Regulations. These specialized classes are taught by FAA-certificated AMTs, many of whom are themselves alumni of the school.

1 Tell us about Aviation High School and what makes it such a special place?

Aviation High School is a New York City public high school that celebrates 84 years of success this school year! The school offers students from all over the five boroughs the opportunity to devote approximately half their day working in rigorous hands-on aviation maintenance labs as they work on obtaining their airframe and/or powerplant Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) aviation maintenance technician licenses, as well as challenging academic coursework. All of which provide our students with many more opportunities upon graduation than traditional high schools, as they look to enter careers in aviation maintenance, aviation related careers, and engineering.

The entire staff, alumni, parents and aviation industry partners are very proud of the unique opportunities that our school has to offer the students. It is due to the rigorous practical skills that students work on each day, the close relationship the school has to the aviation industry and the dedication of all members of the school community that provides our students with learning experiences to ensure their success.

2 What are some of the most sought-after skills that your students are coming away with?

The number one factor that makes our graduates so sought-after is the fact that our high school students (ranging in ages from 14 through 19) can earn both their airframe and powerplant licenses through our Part 147 Aviation Maintenance Technician School FAA program over the course of five years. This program is typically taught at the college and post-secondary technical school level. Aviation High School is proud to provide over 2,000 students with the opportunity to earn their licenses for free through the New York City public school system.

With that being said, our aviation maintenance instructors work closely with our students in three to four period aviation maintenance shop classes working on such skills as troubleshooting aircraft systems, proper use of tools and learning hands-on with the support of our industry partners and on-site aviation equipment and aircraft to understand how to effectively meet the demands of the aviation maintenance technician field.

3 With coming aviation workforce shortages, what message do we need to get out to the next generation now?

Aviation High School is working closely with the aviation community to provide students and parents with a better understanding of aviation industry needs of the near and long-term future. We are very fortunate to have representatives from airlines, manufacturers and MROs speak to our students on a regular basis about the many opportunities available to them upon graduation. We believe that by working closely together with our aviation industry partners in such ways we can continue to educate our students about the exciting career opportunities that are becoming available to them in this new job market!

Each year we receive more than 4,000 applications for approximately 500 ninth grade seats and it takes everyone in our school community to provide the quality education that we are known for and to help us meet our mission of training and educating students for the 21st century aviation and related career fields. We receive visitors from various parts of the country who are looking to develop similar programs for their communities and if these programs continue to develop and expand, the pool of qualified skilled workers should expand, but it is important for programs like ours to work closely with industry partners, political leaders, the FAA and educational organizations such as ATEC to ensure that we are able to provide the qualified candidates ready to take on the challenges of the aviation maintenance technician and related career fields.

4 What can the airport community do to support these students?

Aviation High School's extracurricular offerings provide many clubs and organizations for our students to be a part of and we are very proud of the many ways our organizations support the airport community. Members of the airport community can contact the school at 24q610@schools.nyc.gov to request support from any of our clubs and we would be happy to participate!

The most pressing school organization and club need is typically the financial and transportation support that will enable our students to travel to and from the airport with all the gear and items needed to present at the various events they participate in.

Unfortunately, New York City funds do not cover the operation expenses of our extracurricular organizations, and this is why we are very fortunate to have the *Metropolitan Airport News*' coordinating support for our students and school!

We would like to take this opportunity to thank the *Metropolitan Airport News* and its loyal advertisers for raising funds from advisement sales for the December publication to donate to our JFK Airport Annex classroom! Support such as these types of donations also help us to improve our students' learning experiences which enables us to meet the job skill demands that our industry partners are looking for in future aviation maintenance technicians. We are very fortunate and thankful for everyone's support of the *Metropolitan Airport News*' Aviation High School fundraising drive!

Should any of your readers like to make a direct donation they can also email us at 24q610@schools.nyc.gov.

5 What are you most proud of when you think about your school, faculty, and students?

When I reflect upon the twenty years I have been a member of the Aviation High School family I am most proud of all the dedication that each member of our community provides to the educational needs of our students. Each day our teachers arrive early before school starts and leave long after the end of their day to plan engaging lessons that will help all their students think and work through the challenging concepts and tasks they are presented with each day. It must also be stated that our teachers volunteer to tutor students or help them with their practical work when they are not teaching and they volunteer to oversee the many clubs and organizations on their free time after school and on weekends. Everyone in our school is very dedicated to ensuring that our students are provided with a welcoming, safe and supportive environment where they can work on becoming their best selves and successful adults!

I am very proud to be able to work with such hardworking, kind, and thoughtful students and their parents. The students never cease to amaze me as they work through long days of academic and aviation maintenance coursework with a smile on their face, competitive grades, and a desire to improve their future and their school community. We are very fortunate to work with parents and guardians who support their children throughout the long days and weeks that it takes each year to make sure their children are on the path to earn their airframe and powerplant licenses.

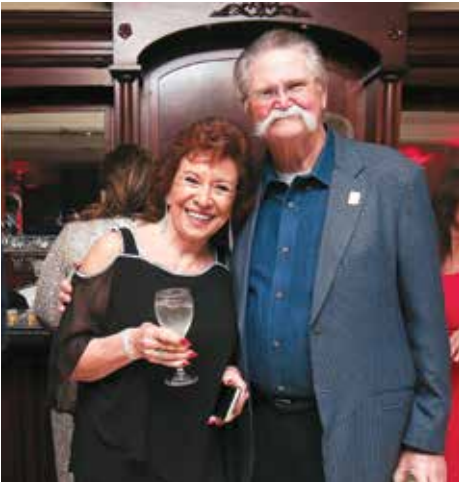
Additionally, I am proud of the dedication that our alumni and industry partners provide to the continued growth and success of Aviation High School. We are fortunate to have the support of alumni who work in various aspects of the aviation industry or other career fields who are always looking to help current students learn about the world after high school and enhance their skills to ensure they are the most sought-after high school graduates in the city of New York!

Overall, Aviation High School is a uniquely successful aviation maintenance technician high school due to the dedication our students, parents, staff, alumni, aviation industry partners and airport community (including the *Metropolitan Airport News*!) provide to our school each year, and I am most proud of and thankful for everyone who comprises this wonderful community. ■

Metropolitan Airport News Hosts 4th Annual Holiday Party

The 4th annual Metropolitan Airport News Holiday party was a well-attended, highly anticipated event held at the Inn at New Hyde Park. It was the kick off to the holiday season for many of the party-goers. It's always a fun event, with great food and entertainment. Between the magician, DJ and the photo-booth, there was something for everyone. It was a great night, celebrating the holiday season with colleagues, friends, and family. ■

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United Airlines Announces Scott Kirby As New CEO As Oscar Munoz Steps Down

In what has been an expected move to take place by Wall Street, United Airlines' CEO Oscar Munoz has taken the decision to step down from the airlines day to day management.

Munoz's resignation will officially take place in Spring 2020, in which the President of the airline, Scott Kirby, will change roles. He will however not be leaving United completely as he will be succeeding Jane Garvey as the Executive Chairman of the company. Amid this news, the premarket share price of the airline rose by one percent.

In the announcement made, Oscar Munoz was happy with the progress that he has made with United Airlines since he joined as CEO around four years ago. "With United in a stronger position than ever, now is the right time to begin the process of turning over the baton to a new leader".

With the level of speculation about who will get the top job now being dismissed due to Kirby's appointment, it is not that much of a surprise that he now has this job.

Munoz hired Kirby in 2016 to improve the airline's performance, in which the success of the airline has been attributed to him, especially in the last two years.

This improvement of performance is set to be the mantra for Scott Kirby's leadership, with him wanting to ensure that operational standards of the company are stringent and strict, as well as ensuring further profitability as the airline enters 2020.

With Munoz now leaving the Chief Executive role, it could have been argued that throughout his leadership, it has been a tenure of tension. Munoz became the CEO four years ago following the resignation of Jeff Smisek who was being investigated by federal agencies over the airline adding flights into the New York Port Authority jurisdiction and therefore influencing its decisions.

Munoz had a bad spat of health which included a heart attack just one month into the new job, putting him on medical leave, which resulted in heart transplants needed.

Upon his return, things would not have got easier for him at all. As well as trailing the other two carriers of the US3, such as American and Delta, a reputational hit was taken following passenger treatment.

In April 2017, Dr. David Dao, a passenger onboard a United flight was pulled down the aisle by security, with the airline being criticized substantially for the handling of the issue, with Munoz not apologizing to Dao initially but apologizing for "having to accommodate these customers".

As a result, Munoz eventually apologized in full to Dao but plans to hire him as chairman fell through because of the handling.

This bad reputation was reinforced rather than fixed when a flight attendant in the carrier had to put a dog in the overhead bin, with the pet dying onboard the flight. Munoz apologized within hours of the



Scott Kirby



Oscar Munoz

incident and pledged to do better.

It remains clear in this case that as Scott Kirby takes the helm of the airline in the Summer, he will be having to ensure that a high standard of treatment to his consumers is of paramount importance.

To conclude, as United goes into 2020, Munoz has been able to assist Kirby on the PR front, especially with the number of new routes it has on the way as well as the 50 Airbus A321XLR aircraft that it has just ordered to boost its transatlantic takings to more niche markets.

Kirby will be expected to oversee growth in capacity from four per cent to 60%.

In the meantime, we can only see and watch how Munoz treats his last few months of tenure at United as CEO and whether we could see any last-minute announcements from him along the way. ■



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The Ark at JFK Appoints Michael Falacara As COO



Michael Falacara

JFK veteran to oversee day-to-day operations and management of animal health, reception and quarantine terminal and associated ground handling operations at JFK International Airport

The ARK at JFK is pleased to announce that Michael Falacara, formerly COO of dnata us, Aviation Services, will be joining its senior management team as Chief Operating Officer effective January 2, 2020. Mike will be responsible for day-to-day operations and interactions with air carriers, cargo agents, ground handlers and regulatory bodies to reinforce The Port Authority of New York and New Jersey/JFK Airport’s status as one of the U.S.’ premier airports for traveling animals.

“With over 30 years of air cargo and ground handling experience at JFK, we believe that Mike brings invaluable knowledge of air cargo and port operations to The ARK’s team of seasoned real estate, financial, marketing and animal handling professionals, says John J. Cuticelli, Jr. CEO and Founder of The ARK at JFK.

This appointment reaffirms The ARK’s commitment to providing these essential services for all animals at JFK and beyond.”

The Racebrook management team of John Cuticelli, Chief Executive Officer and Alex Koppenheffer, Chief Investment Officer, remains in place. John and Alex are responsible for all aspects of real estate development and management for The ARK, including the evaluation of expansion opportunities to other international ports of entry. Elizabeth A. Schuette, ARK Import Export Center Managing Director, will oversee all business development, communication, PR and marketing functions as well as serving as the main ARK contact for Federal regulatory and supervisory agencies.

Prior to The ARK at JFK, Mike was Chief Operating Officer for dnata us, Aviation Services U.S. based operations responsible for managing over 3,000 employees, overseeing 7 discrete business lines that produced over \$100MM in revenue with strong profitability. In this role, he coordinated ground handling for approximately 200 daily wide body international flights from over 45 different airlines at 17 U.S. airports.

The position required strong execution skills and strict adherence to safety and compliance requirements. Before dnata, Mike held various senior level positions with ground handling, operations, equipment leasing and airline operators at JFK.

“I am excited to be a part of this entrepreneurial company,” says Michael Falacara, new Chief Operating Officer at The ARK at JFK. “This is an opportunity to bring a niche business line to forefront of the aviation community here at JFK and beyond. I look forward to the challenge of moving the company to the next level and providing the array of services that The ARK operation offers to customers and airlines alike.” ■

The Peace Light Arrives at JFK

Each year, a child from Austria transfers a flame from the grotto in Bethlehem where Jesus was born. The light is carried in two blast proof miners lamps on an Austrian Airlines jet from Tel Aviv Israel to Vienna, Austria from where it is distributed at a Service of Dedication to delegations from across Europe who take it back, with a message of Peace, to their own countries. Austrian Airlines then flies the miners lamps containing the Peace Light from Bethlehem to JFK International Airport where it is received by Our Lady of the Skies Chapel. A presentation and service was offered to those in attendance to light their own lanterns and return to their communities with the good word of Peace. ■



Hosted by the Catholic Committee on Scouting of the Diocese of Brooklyn and Queens, the annual Peace Light ceremony at JFK Airport’s Our Lady of the Skies Chapel is a decades-long tradition of bringing the light of Christ from Bethlehem, a symbol of peace and unity, throughout the world.



JFK Airport’s Terminal 4 Hosts Holiday Concert By Local Queens Middle School Band

JFKIAT, the operator of Terminal 4 at John F. Kennedy International Airport, recently hosted the M.S. 226 – Virgil I. Grissom band to play a special concert for those traveling through the terminal during the holiday season.

Customers traveling through the Arrivals Hall were given a warm welcome into New York City and treated to live holiday songs played by the talented band of 20 students. M.S. 226 Principal Rushell White and JFKIAT President and CEO Roel Huinink joined the students.

The ongoing partnership with M.S. 226 is a part of JFKIAT’s broader corporate philanthropy program, 4GOOD, which aims to promote educational and professional success in the community. JFKIAT has previously donated school supplies, computers, cameras to the school’s photography program, and displayed the M.S. 226 students’ artwork in the Arrivals Hall at Terminal 4. Earlier this year, JFKIAT also participated in a Young Women’s Leadership panel to discuss career paths with students. “At JFKIAT, we are proud to showcase the budding talent of these incredible students in our community as they bring holiday cheer to our customers,” said Roel Huinink, JFKIAT President and CEO. “Our partnership with M.S. 226 through our 4GOOD program is one that we cher-



ish, and we look forward to advancing this relationship with additional events in the new year.”

“We are grateful for our partnership with JFKIAT, and the opportunity for our students to perform a holiday show in the terminal,” said Rushell White, Principal of M.S. 226. “Being able to take our students out of the classroom and into the community helps them excel, and we are excited to continue making events like these possible with JFKIAT.” ■

Airport Improvement Programs Supported By Congressional Legislation

In a December 18th Press Release, The National Air Transportation Association (NATA) announced that Congress has passed a bill that provides funding for the Airport Improvement Program at the \$3.35 billion level as authorized, and an additional \$400 million from the general fund.

Contained in the legislation is \$10 million for a workforce development grant program that provides grants of up to \$500,000 that can be used to by schools, companies, unions, or state/local governments to fund curriculum development, instructor training, equipment purchase, apprenticeships, and recruitment activities.

NATA applauded Congressional appropriators on the release the final text of a bipartisan, bicameral funding agreement for fiscal year 2020, which began on Oct. 1. The legislation appropriates a total budget of just over \$17 billion for the Federal Aviation Administration, with most programs funded above the level of the President’s FY2020 budget request. Aviation workforce development programs, a top NATA priority, will receive full funding at the authorized level of \$10 million. The bill also provides robust funding for the Airport Improvement Program at the \$3.35 billion level as authorized, and an additional \$400 million from the general fund.

“Workforce development is an issue of critical importance to our members; we hear it from them all the time. NATA was pleased to be a part of the broad industry coalition during the effort to include this program in the 2018 FAA Reauthorization bill, and that our continued efforts to ensure the program is fully funded have paid off,” said Jonathon Freye, NATA Vice President of Government and Public Affairs.

“We’re grateful to congressional appropriators who recognized the importance of developing the next generation of aviation professionals – by focusing both on recruitment and retention – and provided full funding for this grant program. NATA looks forward to working with our members and the FAA to identify and support competitive applicants when the FAA makes the funding available,” said NATA Chief Operating Officer and General Counsel Timothy Obitts. ■

The Community Mayors Launch Operation Santa Claus

The Community Mayors for Special Children is a non-political, not-for-profit, organization. For almost 70 years the Community Mayors has provided the special events program for tens of thousands of children with disabilities each year in our City all year long, including a sleep away summer camp scholarship. Community Mayors remains a completely all volunteer charitable organization without any paid staff, amazing!

Operation Santa Claus was held December 11th at Hangar 19 JFK. The Macy’s Santa Claus typically arrives waving from the window of a jet aircraft donated for the day by Delta Air Lines. This year, the weather wasn’t cooperating for Santa, so he had to arrive by train to the oohs and aahs of over 4,000 deliriously happy disabled children. This makes at least one of their days brighter for sure. ■



(L.-R.) Pan Am's Founder Juan Trippe's Son Ed Trippe; Madeline Arango, PANYNJ LGA Chief of Staff; Anthony Vero, LGA General Manager

LaGuardia Airport Turns 80!

Well, 80 is looking great on La Guardia Airport, granted....it's apparent there has been a little work done, wink, wink.

It all started with that well-known story back in 1934, New York City Mayor Fiorello La Guardia refused to deplane after landing on a TWA flight from Pittsburgh to Newark, declaring that his ticket showed his destination as New York. TWA quickly agreed to fly the mayor and several reporters on to Floyd Bennett Field in Brooklyn. The press conference that followed conveyed to the citizens of New York that it was time for a new, modern facility closer to Manhattan than Floyd Bennett Field.

Ground was broken in 1937 to create a 558-acre airport in Flushing, Queens on a site earlier occupied by the Gala Amusement Park (then a private airfield).

Finally dedicated on October 15th 1939 as New York City Municipal Airport, "La Guardia Field" was tacked on by a hyphen two weeks later. It would become, simply, LaGuardia Airport in 1947. The airport did not open officially until December 2, 1939, when a TWA DC-3 from Chicago landed just minutes after midnight. Within a year, La Guardia was the busiest airport in the world.

The airport community gathered to celebrate the history and the future of this great airport. In attendance were aviation buffs, Port Aviation Management, airline staff and management, and even Ed Trippe, the son of Pan Am's founder Juan Trippe. ■

Amazon and Fedex: Its Getting Nasty

Amazon has banned third-party sellers from shipping Prime orders with FedEx Ground or Home beginning December 14th according to an email the company sent to merchants obtained by the *Wall Street Journal*. Amazon cited a "decline in performance" as its reason for preventing sellers from using the carrier.

The temporary ban will continue "until the delivery performance of these ship methods improves," the email said. FedEx Express will still be available to Amazon Prime sellers. Standard, non-Prime orders can still be shipped via FedEx Ground and Home.

While this decision affects a very small number of shippers, it limits the options for those small businesses on some of the highest demand shipping days in history, and may compromise their ability to meet customer demands and manage their businesses," a FedEx spokesperson said. "FedEx Ground stands ready to support our customers and will continue to deliver record-breaking volume this holiday season." ■



KAAMCO Cargo Annual Holiday Party Honors Joe Morra from Royal Waste Services

The annual Kaamco Cargo holiday party was held on December 6th at the Lawrence Country Club. In addition to being an amazing holiday party packed with friends and colleagues from the JFK cargo industry, the night celebrated Joe Morra from Royal Waste Services. Joe was recognized for not only his professionalism and amazing service at the airports, but also for his friendship to all and his commitment to giving back to the community. It was a wonderful night spent in celebration of the JFK cargo community. ■



ARK Import Export Center Announces Vincent DiCicco As Veterinary & Bio-Security Compliance Officer



Dr. Vincent DiCicco

The Ark at JFK, a private animal health, reception and quarantine facility located in Cargo Area D at JFK International Airport, has appointed Dr. Vincent DiCicco as veterinary and bio-security compliance officer.

He will be responsible for ensuring The ARK's compliance with best bio-security and animal welfare practices throughout its operations, including the ARK Pet Oasis, Equine Export, Equine Import and Ground Handling. The effective date is January 2, 2020.

He will also be the primary contact with USDA-APHIS/VS on compliance matters related to the Memorandum of Understanding for The ARK's private equine import quarantine facility, as well as VS' oversight of the Export Inspection Facility/Barn. Dr. DiCicco will work closely with Michael Falacara, COO and Elizabeth A. Schuette, Managing Director.

DiCicco is uniquely qualified for this role based on his 40-year experience as an equine practitioner at Belmont Park, Yonkers, Saratoga, Aqueduct and Roosevelt equine race tracks. His responsibilities at these facilities include oversight of import and on-site quarantine bio-security. In addition, DiCicco provides practice consulting for small animal veterinarians and is familiar with shipping requirements for companion animals. DiCicco holds a Category 2 USDA Accredited Veterinary License.

Separate and apart from this compliance position at The ARK, Dr. DiCicco will continue to provide veterinary medical services to the JFK/NY equine stakeholder community in support of equine imports and provide veterinary care to traveling domestic pets through his private practice. DiCicco will have an office within The ARK's corporate headquarters at 78A North Boundary Road. ■

LGA Kiwanis Hosts Local Kids from the Community for Christmas

The event was held at the Episcopal Church of Grace & Resurrection, in East Elmhurst. Refreshments were served while the kids enjoyed face painting and games all while patiently awaiting Santa Claus! When he arrived, the kids were so sweet waiting their turns to have a moment with the big guy and getting a great present. This is one of many programs that the LGA Kiwanis Club sponsors in the community focused towards kids, families and seniors. Visit www.lgakiwanis.org for more information about the LGA Kiwanis Club ■



JFK Airport Rotary Club Hosts 43rd Annual Kids Party

The JetBlue hangar at JFK building 81 was transformed into a kids party like no other. The JFK Airport Rotary Club invited 450 kids with special needs from the local community to enjoy the day with everything a child could want during the holiday season!

The kids were treated to backpacks and books, sweet treats and snacks, gifts, t-shirts, hats and so much more! The entertainment kept the kids moving for sure. The princesses, the clowns, face painting, therapy ponies, therapy dogs, NYS Troopers with their dogs, live bands, Mr. Met and Sparky, a JetBlue airplane and Yes...Santa and Mrs. Claus!! The day was spectacular! It could not have happened without the JFK Airport Rotary Club and their elves, JetBlue and all the sponsors and donors.

Visit www.jfkrotaryclub.org for more information about the great work that the JFK Airport Rotary Club does around the community. ■



JFK Air Cargo Association Hosts Toys for Tots Luncheon

The December JFK Air Cargo Association held their December luncheon at Russo's on the Bay. The luncheon is always a special one because all that attend donated toys for the Marine's Toys for Tots program. The Toys for Tots program was always a very special part of the holiday season to the Association President, Joe Badamo, who passed away in October. The event honors his memory and moves on with the mission of helping local kids feel special during the holiday season.

Visit www.jfkaircargo.net for more information about the JFK Air Cargo Association and upcoming events. ■



Chanukah Celebration at JFK Airport

The International Synagogue at JFK Terminal 4 held their annual Chanukah celebration on December 26th hosted by Rabbi Ari Korenblit. The menorah candles were lit by dignitaries, clergy, law enforcement officers and guests.



(L.-R.) Adam Kaufman President of International Synagogue, Mitchell Egenberg, Jewelry designer who donated gift, Rabbi Ari Korenblit, International Synagogue

Canter Galina Makaveyev highlighted the evening by singing the national anthem and joining in with the Yeshiva of Flatbush high school choir.

At the festive event, Mitchell Egenberg, an artist and jewelry designer presented a gift. He designed and created a sterling silver pointer that is used when reading from the holy Torah scroll. It was a beautiful gesture and addition to the Synagogue. ■

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JFK's Terminal 4 and Hudson Debuts Holiday Themed Kiosk

JFKIAT, the operator of Terminal 4 at John F. Kennedy International Airport, partnered with Hudson to bring customers a one-of-a-kind holiday shopping experience in the terminal's Retail Lounge.

The "Holidays by Hudson" kiosk is unique to T4 and brings together a thoughtfully curated and locally sourced selection of products for customers of all ages. The offerings in the kiosk included items such as ornaments, holiday sweaters, FAO Schwarz toys, chocolates, and a variety of other gift products. The special holiday pop-up is open now through January, allowing thousands of customers the opportunity to stuff their stockings and suitcases with festive items for loved ones while traveling to their final destinations.

"JFKIAT is excited to partner with Hudson and to bring this special holiday experience to the passengers at T4," said Roel Huinink, President & CEO of JFKIAT. "We are always looking for ways to delight our customers, and we know that this pop-up activation will bring something truly special and unique to those traveling through T4 for the holidays."

"Inspired by New York City's iconic Bryant Park Holiday Village, 'Holidays by Hudson' will allow travelers to participate in the magic of the holidays without having to leave the airport," said Joe Landolfi, SVP of Operations for Hudson. "This festive pop-up activation combines invaluable convenience with memorable experiences and unparalleled customer service in a way that only Hudson can deliver. As the Traveler's Best Friend, we take pride in giving each and every traveler an enjoyable and memorable experience along their journey, and we are confident 'Holidays by Hudson' will do just that." ■

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Newark Liberty's Odete Cunha Serves Up a Jersey State of Mind

A new Jersey Shore is coming to Newark – no, not the one with JWOWW and Snookie. This one's in Newark Airport, complete with a fish market, wooden picnic tables, and sea blue walls to transport passengers to one of the state's most popular destinations.

The recently opened Jersey by the Shore food hall, along with Garden State and Ironbound-themed joints at Newark Airport's Terminal B, is part of a massive restaurant and retail upgrade the Port Authority is implementing across its airports to enhance travelers' experiences. And the woman behind it all, Odete Cunha, is no stranger to delivering customer experience upgrades at the bustling New Jersey hub.

Cunha has always wanted to work in an airport, though when she started with the Port Authority 25 years ago in the Comptroller's Department, it wasn't clear that was where she'd end up. But her people skills, accounting background, and top-notch organization brought her up to her current position, Newark Liberty's Concessions Manager, where she's been for 12 years now.

She's in charge of developing new restaurant and retail opportunities across Newark Airport, no small task for one of the nation's busiest airports. On any given day, she could be meeting with terminal operators, restaurant operators, a construction company, or her Port Authority colleagues in the Customer Experience unit of the agency's Aviation Department.

"It takes a village to run a successful concessions program at an airport," Cunha said. "Not to mention, we're making all these upgrades to the airport while the airport is still operating."

Before opening the food halls, Cunha managed several other major customer service initiatives at Newark Airport. Most recently, with Terminal B's concessions manager Unibail-Rodamco-Westfield (URW), her team piloted AtYourGate, a new dining app that delivers orders directly to passengers' gates. She also participated in the negotiations for the selection of OTG, Terminal C's food and beverage operator, to develop and operate new restaurants at the terminal, which brought in iPads as a tech-savvy way to order food.



Odete Cunha

Cunha says she loves the sense of satisfaction that comes with finishing a big project. The opening of the New Jersey-inspired food halls, along with many other initiatives, required her to review surveys on passenger behavior and food preferences to understand how to best serve them. She also met regularly with stakeholders, such as URW's operations, design, and marketing team, restaurant operators and Terminal B facility staff to incorporate everyone's vision.

But perhaps the most fun part of the whole process is participating in the redevelopment

of the new design, layout, and aesthetics of each New Jersey-themed dining area.

"We wanted a cohesive vision in developing these food halls," Cunha said. "We added things like natural materials and greenery to give passengers a sense of place, so they can experience all the great things New Jersey has to offer from the moment they enter the airport."

In the Jersey by the Shore area, travelers will find beach-inspired favorites like Malone's Fish Market, Little Tony's Pizzeria and Firehouse Subs. In the Ironbound district, passengers can try a diversity of local flavors from Piattino's, StrEat, and other restaurants. In the Garden State oasis, travelers will have the chance to try food from New Jersey-born restaurants such as the famed Cake Boss, Salsarita's, and Tony + Benny's Pizza Parlor. Plus, Budweiser Brewhouse offers a local beer garden setting just blocks from Newark's flagship Anheuser-Busch brewery.

For a New Jersey native who grew up flying out of Newark Airport, the opening of these New Jersey-themed food halls is an especially proud moment.

"I'm so excited for our travelers to experience my home state in this way," she said. "We couldn't have done it without our Port Authority team."

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(L.-R.) Dr. Patricia Lespinasse, Nancy Vargas, Philippa Karteron, Melinda Katz and Erin King Sweeney.

The Boy Scouts of America, Queens Council Annual Salute to Women in Leadership Awards

The Boy Scouts of American, Queens Council held their annual Salute to Women in Leadership Awards at Russo's on the Bay on December 3rd. **Melinda Katz**, Queens borough President was honored with a Lifetime Achievement Award. **Nancy Vargas**, CEO of DH2 Chauffeured Transportation was honored with Transportation Industry Woman of the Year Award. **Erin King Sweeney**, Aviation Attorney with Eckert Seamans was honored with Aviation Woman of the Year Award. **Dr. Patricia Lespinasse**, Director of Undergraduate Studies, SUNY Binghamton was honored with the Education Advocacy Woman of the Year Award.

Philippa Karteron, the event chair presented **Frank McIntyre**, Royal Waste Services, with the Whitney M. Young Jr. award for his years of dedicated service to the Boy Scouts of America.

Michael Sibilia, Boy Scouts Queens Council President, followed with updates about scouting and the fact that women now make up 40 % of those involved in scouting. It was a beautiful evening with the honorees surrounded by friends, family and colleagues to celebrate their contributions and commitment to young women in their communities. ■

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Dropping of The Roses

For 24 consecutive years the Long Island Chapter of the Air Force Association has conducted the Pearl Harbor “Dropping of the Roses” memorial ceremony at the American Airpower Museum located at Republic Airport in Farmingdale on December 7th. More than 500 spectators attended this patriotic and emotional ceremony.

The late Joseph Hydrusko was a Navy medic serving at Pearl Harbor during the attack on December 7th, 1941. He was credited with saving countless lives as the Japanese aircraft dropped their bombs on the Navy fleet.

In 1970, Joe started a tradition of dropping American Beauty Roses (one rose for each anniversary year) over the Statue of Liberty while flying his own aircraft. The “Dropping of the Roses” was his way of paying a personal tribute to the men and women who lost their lives during the attack on Pearl Harbor. Following his death in 1974, his friends from the “Skytypers” and the Air Force Association continued on with the tradition. Due to their advanced ages, his friends Mort Arken, Irv Hansen, Walter Zywan and others asked the Long Island Air Force Association (AFA) to accept the responsibility for the Roses tradition.

In honor of the 78th Anniversary of the Pearl Harbor bombing, two veterans flew vintage WWII airplanes over the Statue of Liberty and dropped roses in memory of those lost during the attack on Pearl Harbor on December 7, 1941.

In addition to the ‘Dropping of the Roses’ ceremony, 25 World War II Veterans were also honored to commemorate the 78th anniversary of the bombing at Pearl Harbor. ■



Long Island Air Force Association

DHL Operation Holiday Cheer Delivers Joy to U.S. Troops

Once again, DHL Express delivered 500 fresh-cut Christmas trees, thousands of handwritten letters as well as menorahs, festive decorations, and other gifts to U.S. troops stationed abroad. The massive holiday haul brought warm holiday wishes to U.S. bases in Afghanistan, Bahrain and Kuwait just in time to give our service members a traditional holiday experience. DHL Operation Holiday Cheer, a charitable program DHL runs in partnership with the New York community, is now in its sixteenth year.

“The holiday season is especially difficult for our servicemen and women overseas, who sacrifice celebrating with their friends and family to instead protect our nation’s freedom,” said Greg Hewitt, CEO of DHL Express U.S. “DHL is honored to be able to partner with local organizations to bring a little bit of the love, support and holiday cheer from home directly to our troops abroad.”

The trees got loaded up at Dee’s nursery in Oceanside, NY for a quick ride to JFK Airport in Jamaica, Queens. From there, they are loaded aboard a DHL aircraft and flown to Bahrain. ■



Boeing CEO Fired

Dennis Muilenburg was let go as Boeing's 737 MAX and other technical problems spelled doom for the chief executive



Dennis Muilenburg

As a continuation of the Boeing 737 MAX crisis comes the firing of Boeing CEO Dennis Muilenburg.

The board of directors said on Dec. 23, 2019, that Muilenburg is "stepping down" immediately. The brief statement said; "Boeing's CEO is stepping down amid ongoing problems at the company over the troubled 737 Max aircraft."

The Chicago-based aircraft manufacturer said that Dennis Muilenburg will depart immediately. The board's current chairman, David Calhoun, will officially take over January 13th 2020. Boeing called Muilenburg's exit from the CEO spot and the board a resignation, but its language in a news release announcing the leadership transition said otherwise.

Though coming during the days ahead of the Christmas holiday, the move was not entirely unexpected after Boeing stripped Muilenburg of his chairman title in October, installing board member Calhoun in that post.

Said Boeing, "The Board of Directors decided that a change in leadership was necessary to restore confidence in the Company moving forward as it works to repair relationships with regulators, customers, and all other stakeholders," said the news release. "Under the Company's new leadership, Boeing will operate with a renewed commitment to full transparency, including effective and proactive communication with the FAA, other global regulators and its customers."



David Calhoun

Calhoun will remain a member of the company's board. Board member Lawrence Kellner will become nonexecutive chairman.

The company's chief financial officer, Greg Smith, will serve as interim CEO during a brief transition period. ■

DoT Issues Proposed Rule On Remote ID for Drones

The U.S. Department of Transportation's Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) announced a proposed rule that would continue the safe integration of Unmanned Aircraft Systems (UAS), commonly called drones, into the nation's airspace by requiring them to be identifiable remotely.

"Remote ID technologies will enhance safety and security by allowing the FAA, law enforcement, and Federal security agencies to identify drones flying in their jurisdiction," said U.S. Transportation Secretary Elaine L. Chao.

The FAA will seek input on the Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NPRM) for Remote Identification (Remote ID) of UAS that was placed on display at the Federal Register. In the coming days, it will be accompanied by a 60-day comment period to receive public feedback and help the FAA develop a final rule to enhance safety in the skies over the U.S.

"As a pilot, my eye is always on safety first," said FAA Administrator Steve Dickson. "Safety is a joint responsibility between government, pilots, the drone community, the general public and many others who make our nation so creative and innovative."

Drones are a fast-growing segment of the entire transportation sector – nearly 1.5 million drones and 160,000 remote pilots are registered with the FAA. Equipping drones with remote identification technologies would build on previous steps taken by the FAA and the UAS industry to safely integrate operations, including the small UAS rule, which covers drones weighing less than 55 pounds, and the Low Altitude Authorization and Notification Capability (LAANC), which automates the application and approval process for most UAS operators to obtain airspace authorizations.

These efforts lay the foundation for more complex operations, such as those beyond visual line of sight at low altitudes, as the FAA and the drone industry move toward a traffic management ecosystem for UAS flights separate from, but complementary to, the air traffic management system.

The proposed Remote ID rule would apply to all drones that are required to register with the FAA (recreational drones weighing under 0.55 pounds are not required to register), as well as to persons operating foreign civil UAS in the U.S. ■



Leading Airport Concessions Developer to Manage Terminal B In Newark

Fraport USA, a major developer of retail, food and beverage concessions, signs 5-year deal to design and manage customer-focused airport marketplace. With a focus on improving concession operations and passenger satisfaction, the Port Authority Board of Commissioners selected Fraport USA, Inc. to manage concessions operations at Newark Liberty International Airport's Terminal B.

Fraport is an internationally recognized airport operator whose airport is the award-winning facility in Frankfurt, Germany. Under a five-year agreement set to go into effect February 1, 2020, Fraport will be responsible for managing approximately 47,000 square feet of Terminal B concessions space, as well as the loading dock and storage facilities that support these operations. Fraport is replacing Unibail-Rodamco-Westfield (URW) Airports as Terminal B concessions manager.

As part of its growing commitment to new world-class concessions at all of its facilities, the Port Authority has introduced 22 Jersey-centric shopping and dining destinations to Terminal B customers in 2019, totaling more than 25,000 square feet. The concessions program is a key component of the major redevelopment of Newark Liberty currently under way, including the largest design-build project in New Jersey history, the \$2.7 billion Terminal One Redevelopment Program. "The Port Authority is focused on making significant investments to improve the customer experience in the short and long term," said Port Authority Chairman Kevin O'Toole. "We are excited that Fraport will be joining us on our journey to creating a brand-new Newark Liberty Airport."

"We have a commitment to delivering operational excellence and 21st century standards of service to travelers," said Port Authority



Executive Director Rick Cotton. "Fraport has an internationally celebrated reputation for bringing a strategic mix of high-quality brands to its facilities.

In addition to the new retail and food options at Newark Liberty's Terminal B, there are a number other features that have been added

across the Port Authority's commercial airports to enhance the travel experience, including unlimited free Wi-Fi, upgraded restrooms, family-friendly amenities and real-time information on wait times at security and taxi lines, as well as better taxi access and ease and improved taxi time management. ■

AIRPORT EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

AVAILABLE POSITIONS

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SWISSPORT USA

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LGA AIRPORT

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Provide all necessary and required passenger/customer services as contracted by the customer to include but not be limited to reservations, ticketing, baggage processing, terminal/gate check-in, jet way operation, greeting arriving passengers, handling of VIPs, provide special passenger assistance.

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CUSTOMER SERVICE DUTY MANAGER

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AVIATION SECURITY AGENT

GLOBAL SECURITY ASSOCIATES
Security
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Part-Time

Global Security Aviation Security Agents provide various services to protect and secure our commercial airline clients. Duties include but are not limited to; aircraft search, ramp access control, baggage security and catering security.

OPERATIONS COORDINATOR

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JFK AIRPORT
Full-Time

The role of the Operations Coordinator is to assist in organizing the activities of the operation. The Operations Coordinator's duties include but are not limited to ensuring the scheduling needs are met for our clients and managing staffing oversight.

SHIFT SUPERVISOR

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JFK AIRPORT
Full-Time

Global Security Shift Supervisor role includes but is not limited to; providing oversight of employees and the operation, ensuring TSA requirements are being met, providing the proper staffing required by clients and ensuring client requests are being met.

OPERATIONS MANAGER

GLOBAL SECURITY ASSOCIATES
Security
JFK AIRPORT
Full-Time

The Operations Manager has the overall responsibility of managing and directing the day to day operation; including but not limited to ensuring that staff is performing assigned duties, preparing daily reports and conducting daily staff briefings.

AVIATION SECURITY AGENT

GLOBAL SECURITY ASSOCIATES
Security
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Part-Time

Global Security Aviation Security Agents provide various services to protect and secure our commercial airline clients. Duties include but are not limited to; aircraft search, ramp access control, baggage security and catering security.

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LGA Redevelopment Information Center Opens With Announcement of Vaughn Scholarships

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new LaGuardia Airport takes shape. This new LGA Redevelopment Community Information Center will be a forum in East Elmhurst for the sharing of ideas and information about LGA Redevelopment from the community and where the Port Authority can listen to important feedback,” said Executive Director Rick Cotton. “This project is going to provide important benefits to the neighboring communities through jobs, business opportunities, training, and education for careers in aviation.

“Vaughn College is proud to partner with The Port Authority to offer the students of Queens an incredible opportunity to join this in-demand industry,” said Dr. Sharon B. DeVivo, president of Vaughn. “Graduates of our institution have the greatest likelihood of moving to the top in income out of every other college in the country and coupled with a debt-free education and employment possibilities in



Queens, these students have an almost guaranteed successful future ahead of them.”

The New Center at a Glance

The 1,044 square foot office space that opened will house four staff members who live in the surrounding communities and have been working out of a mobile office. The new

community information center will serve as an information hub for Queens residents to learn more about redevelopment program and offer feedback to the Port Authority and LGA Redevelopment staff.

The office will also be a central resource for information on jobs and contracting opportunities as part of the \$8 billion complete redevelopment of LaGuardia Airport. The new community information center features a conference room, ADA-compliant bathroom, and five designated workspaces. The office will be open Monday through Friday and provide extensive engagement with neighborhood residents and other stakeholders during the life of the redevelopment. It will host community meetings and events, including job fairs and MWBE certification workshops.

The design for the Community Outreach Center was generated Ning Lu Architecture, a Flushing-based business. The interior graphics, exterior store sign and awning are fabricated by SD Printing & Design, located in Corona. Other companies involved in the redevelopment office include Twin Towers, Aranda Plumbing, PGA Mechanical, FCS Group, Meadows Office, B&R Construction Services, and Morganti. Of the \$1.1 million total cost to

build the office, more than \$1 million was awarded to MWBE and nearly 70 percent was awarded to businesses from the neighboring communities.

The Scholarship

The Port Authority also announced it will once again partner with Vaughn College of Aeronautics and Technology in Queens on a full-tuition scholarship program. First awarded in April of 2019, this unique initiative will provide a second cohort of local students the opportunity to compete for a tuition-free college education in the aviation field, with the promise of a full-time position in Aviation Operations at the Port Authority upon graduation. Five incoming freshmen in the 2020-2021 academic year will qualify for full, four-year scholarships.

Three of last year's recipients were interviewed discussing their positive experience thus far as full-time students at Vaughn College as a result of this scholarship program. Huntley Lawrence, Director of Aviation at the Port Authority, and Sharon DeVivo, President of Vaughn College were also featured and discussed the importance of continued education in aviation, technology, and management careers. ■

Amazon In Queens and The Anti-Growth Crowd: Part II

Prime Time: New York's Amazon Fight Returns in 2020 Elections

The New York City battle over Amazon is back — except this time it's on the 2020 ballot.

Under pressure from liberal activists, a group of New York Democrats won an unexpected victory in early 2019 when they drove one of the world's wealthiest corporations, lured by the promise of \$3 billion in tax breaks and subsidies, to ditch its massive investment plans in Queens.

Now, in at least three 2020 races in the city, Democratic primary challengers are taking on leading Amazon opponents — including Rep. Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez, who helped lead the anti-Amazon fight — with an explicit appeal to voters who supported the corporation's bid to locate its second headquarters in Queens. In another race, an Amazon opponent is challenging a lawmaker who supported the plan.

Former Deputy Mayor Alicia Glen, who is backing City Council Member Donovan Richards in his bid for Queens borough president against anti-Amazon Council Member Jimmy Van Bramer, argues the Amazon fight was the tip of the iceberg of a broader anti-development movement holding back progress in the city.

“Amazon sort of is a poster child of the problem. But the problem, I think, runs a little

deeper, which is sort of anti-growth, anti-development culture mentality,” Glen told *POLITICO*.

Democrats who thought they were gaining political capital with the party's ascendant left wing by fighting the tech behemoth will now find out whether their push translates into electoral support, or political backlash among many voters who favored the promise of thousands of new Amazon jobs, according to polls.

“At the end of the day, those people who are the most vociferous in their opposition to these important projects are not speaking for the majority of New Yorkers who want new jobs and more mixed-income housing,” Glen said. “I think this is fantastic that this is going to be an issue in the next election. It should be.”

“It's shocking that AOC had to put her two cents in there when she was totally misinformed and was clueless about the deal,” he said. “It tells you that she doesn't have the judgment. She doesn't understand how government works.”

Amazon chose the Long Island City waterfront along with northern Virginia to house its new campus a year ago after a nationwide contest, in a deal that had the backing of Mayor Bill de Blasio and Gov. Andrew Cuomo. ■



All Electric Aircraft Makes First Commercial Flight

The aviation industry has got another “first” — the start of the electric age. The first all-electric seaplane, DHC-2 de Havilland Beaver, has taken off for commercial flight in Vancouver, Canada, carrying six passengers. The history was made by Harbour Air in cooperation with magniX.

The aircraft was powered by a 750-horsepower (560 kW) magni500 propulsion system. “The magni500, which was unveiled at the Paris Air Show in June 2019, is a high-power-density electric propulsion system that provides a clean and efficient way to power airplanes”, a statement provides.

magniX and Harbour Air will now begin the certification and approval process for the propulsion system and the retrofitting of aircraft. Once the certification is complete, the Canadian seaplane operator intends to electrify its whole fleet by 2022. ■



IAG Cargo Tests Drones In Their Warehouses

IAG Cargo announced that it has successfully tested autonomous drone technology within its warehouse facility in Madrid. Designed around the automation of freight checks, the technology will help improve efficiency and reliability of its operations.

Conducted using technology developed by drone software start-up FlytBase, the trials come after IAG Cargo found it was spending an average of 6,500 hours each year recording the barcodes and location data of freight across their individual warehouses.

Due to the drones' use of the 3D space, degree of autonomy, and continuous advancement in intelligent automation software, IAG Cargo identified a viable solution to increase accuracy within the warehouse.

Carly Morris, Head of Innovation, IAG Cargo, commented: "We are continuously looking for solutions to increase the efficiency and accuracy of our logistical operations, so we are delighted that the trials with FlytBase have been successful so far."



"Watching our autonomous drone take off, navigate our warehouse, collect valuable location and barcode data, and then return itself to an origin point for self-charging is an incredible sight, and shows the huge potential drones have in the aviation and logistics sectors.

Two separate trials have now been successfully completed by IAG Cargo which saw the FlytBase developed technology complete tasks including:

- Drone autonomously navigates across multiple racks by flying over-the-top
- Drone accurately detects and reads AWBs and identifies empty slot locations
- Drone automatically returns itself to charging dock for self-charging.

There will be a continuation of testing of certain elements of the drone operation early next year in order to make improvements on what has already been achieved. ■

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Additional Penetration of Amazon Market As Fedex Announces Japan Pharma Delivery

FedEx Express is supporting a clinical trial run by Life Science Center in Tokyo, Japan, by shipping pharma products to and from the Center in compliance with cold chain requirements.

During the trial, overseas pharma customers are using FedEx Express to ship investigational medication products to the Life Science Center for storage. The drugs are then delivered to hospitals in Japan in temperature-controlled packaging systems. After the trial has ended, FedEx will retrieve unused drugs from the hospitals and will transport them to the Life Science Center for return to their origin or to be destroyed.

Karen Reddington, president, FedEx Express Asia Pacific, explained: "The Asia Pacific region is fast gaining preference from pharma companies the world over as a key destination for conducting clinical trials, given the large patient pool and cost efficiencies.

"FedEx Express plays a key role as a strategic differentiator for success in clinical trial logistics, especially for potentially life-changing complex shipments.

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The Life Science Center was recently upgraded to better meet the clinical trial logistics requirements of healthcare customers in Japan and worldwide. ■



PANYNJ Executive Named to *AviationPros* 40 Under 40



James Cicardo

AviationPros.com delivered their annual awards program recognizing the top “rising stars” in aviation under 40 years old. Amongst the winners this period is a Port Authority of NY & NJ Executive, **James Cicardo**.

Growing up, he went to the airport to watch airplanes takeoff and land. Most of his family worked in the industry and all the contact with airplanes and how it all worked grabbed his interest.

“I can’t really imagine doing anything else,” he said. “It’s a changing industry. There’s always different aircraft, different regulations and there’s always different things coming out, so you really need to adapt to those things.”

Cicardo is the chief operations supervisor of construction and redevelopment at John F. Kennedy International Airport (JFK). He provides day-to-day oversight for all construction projects air-

side, landside and terminal. He also serves as a liaison between airport operations, maintenance, project management, redevelopment and JFK resident engineer’s office of construction.

He oversaw the recently completed \$355 million runway rehabilitation project at JFK. The project widened the runway to 200 feet, added high-speed taxiways and modified fillets to accommodate larger aircraft.

Cicardo plays a crucial role in implementing and developing the JFK snow removal plan. As a member of the snow committee, Cicardo serves as a snow chief responsible for overseeing all snow removal operations airside and landside. He is continuously looking for ways to improve efficiencies in snow removal.

In recent years, Cicardo and this team were successful in increasing the snow removal fleet, which has significantly reduced runway and taxiway snow clearance times. This increase in production has increased aircraft throughput and provided customer service to airline partners and the traveling public.

In 2016, Cicardo was named a “Pillar of the Port Authority.” Recipients of this award demonstrate perseverance in the face of adversity and an ability to adapt to changing situations while continuing to perform at the highest standard and with level-headedness in times of increased pressure.

Before joining the Port Authority, Cicardo worked at Sikorsky Memorial Airport, Westchester County Airport, and Fort Lauderdale-Hollywood International Airport. He has a range of airport operations expertise, including Part 139 Operations, aircraft rescue and firefighting, construction management and snow removal operations. ■

SKAAMCO 2019 Holiday Luncheon

The twelfth annual Secretaries of Kennedy Airport Airlines Management Council (SKAAMCO) Holiday luncheon, held on December 12th, was hosted by the JFK Hilton Hotel. Some 70 members attended the festive event and enjoyed a sumptuous luncheon, as well as receiving a holiday gift provided by sponsors, Airway Maintenance, API, Golden Touch, JFKIAT, KAAMCO and Sheltair.

Once again the annual party was a great success thanks to the hard work of the Skaamco board members, Paula Ostuni, Rose Hickey, Christina Kreuzman and Hope Clarke. President Paula Ostuni ended the luncheon with wishes for a safe and happy holiday season to all. **ROBERTA DUNN**



A Christmas Tree Made from Confiscated Passenger Items

The Vilnius Airport in Lithuania made a Christmas Tree out of items confiscated from passengers. and this is one killer Christmas tree. Officials at a Lithuanian airport had an unusual take on the festive holiday tradition — a massive tree made up entirely of dicey items confiscated from travelers.

The base of the tree at Vilnius Airport is made from scissors, while the treacherous timber is decorated with a fake gun, bullets and brass knuckles — and topped with a star made of blades.

The unusual display was billed as an educational tool for holiday travelers.

“With knives, scissors, lighters, blades and all other sorts of dangerous goods on it — this Christmas tree has it all,” Lithuanian Airports said in a post on linkedin.com.

“So if you don’t want your personal, yet prohibited, belongings to land on our next year’s Christmas tree, better check out the baggage requirements before you pack for your next flight,” the post said. “Safe travels!” ■



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Are Robots The Answer In New York City?

Mayor DeBlasio’s luddite views on business and technology are well known amongst New York’s business community; however, his views on robotic-delivery may have credence.

In some circles, it might be called being right for the wrong reason. DeBlasio’s anti-robot position is based on the wrong premise; robots are not a strategy to reduce the total workforce but to speed up deliveries, and secondly, FEDEX has no plan to use robots in New York City, but was in the city only to support an event sponsored by FedEx.

Not waiting to get all the facts, the mayor was not shy about saying so, even as the city’s planners and trucking officials work together on ways to deliver much more freight, driven by e-commerce, to the nation’s largest city. And while attending an event, he became especially upset watching a Fedex Corp.’s delivery robot making a delivery and he fired off a tweet:

“We didn’t grant permission for these to clog up our streets,” de Blasio tweeted Nov. 23. “If we see any of these bots, we’ll send them packing.”

However, there is some validity to the Twitter warning from de Blasio. It could be a larger sign that autonomous delivery robots and trucks have a long way to go before use on urban streets. One researcher of final-mile methods says she understands the trepidation about using robots on city streets and sidewalks.

As reported in Transport Topics on December 5th, “It’s off-putting and I get that,” said Amy Moore, a transportation research associate at Oak Ridge National Laboratory in Knoxville, Tenn.

Moore told Transport Topics that robotic final-mile and same-day delivery are very young technologies, and it will be a long time before carriers are ready to replace some of their delivery people with robots.

“They’ve just begun with development,” Moore said. “There is a cost-savings opportunity, but there really is a lot more work to be done.”

FedEx’s robot is designed for same-day deliveries of smaller items, such as pharmaceuticals.



Roxo, the FedEx SameDay Bot

But FedEx noted it wasn’t using the robot in a delivery capacity in New York. “FedEx is not currently testing its SameDay Delivery Bot, Roxo, in New York City,” said Jonathan Lyons, a FedEx spokesman. “The Bot was visiting New York for a special event” in November.

Lyons said Roxo has been tested in four markets throughout the United States: Manchester, N.H.; Memphis, Tenn.; Plano, Texas, and Frisco, Texas.

“We believe autonomous technology can help supplement operational and service

efficiency for our customers and our team members, and even help to create new job opportunities,” Lyons said.

It wasn’t the mayor’s first foray into robot policy. While running for president earlier this year, de Blasio said he wanted to slap a tax on robots. Writing in Wired.com on Sept. 5, de Blasio opined: “The scale of automation in our economy is increasing far faster than most people realize, and its impact on working people in America and across the world, unless corralled, will be devastating.” **JOSEPH ALBA**



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Cargo Bikes for Various Delivery Companies Making Tests In NYC

Amazon, DHL and UPS will test cargo bikes in New York City as alternatives to traditional delivery vans in a pilot project city officials hope will result in reduced congestion, improved air quality and a safer environment for pedestrians.

Amazon will begin by using 90 bikes to help deliver groceries out of three Whole Foods locations. DHL will start with three bikes making deliveries out of its Manhattan service center. UPS said it would use “a few cargo bikes” during the pilot. All three said they planned to scale up their use over time.

The Department of Transportation (DOT) pilot will last for six months and could be extended depending on the results, the city said in a press release. The DOT will monitor variables like speed, parking and use of bike lanes with an aim to “better understand whether cargo bicycles can successfully fit into the City’s streetscape.”

All three of these companies have used delivery bikes in other cities around the world. DHL uses them in Belgium, Germany, the Netherlands and Singapore, according to Bruce Marsh, senior manager of corporate public policy at DHL. UPS operates the bikes in 30 cities around the world, a spokesperson told Supply Chain Dive in an email. Amazon has tested them out in Europe.

Solving the Parking Predicament

Companies say cargo bikes could save time on deliveries because drivers won’t have to worry about dealing with one of New York City’s most precious resources: parking space.

The bikes will have a few different parking options available to them. The city is going to set up corrals where these bikes will be able to park when loading and unloading, which will be in more high-traffic areas. The bikes can park on the sidewalk as long as they keep enough of the walkway free in compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act.

The bikes can park, without charge, in the same loading and unloading zones used by traditional delivery vans. Determining where the bikes will park, though, is an ongoing process the city could change as a result of the pilot project.

“Our intention is this will help actually speed up delivery,” Marsh said. “It will also help us in terms of our parking fines. The city has also gotten very aggressive in terms of parking and parking management and so this will help us on that end too.”

All three of these companies and New York City also have plans to reduce their greenhouse gas emissions in the coming years. Everyone involved said new delivery methods like these electric bikes will be part of making those cuts a reality.

“Our climate pledge goal is net-zero carbon for the entire company by 2040,” Tom Chandlee, a senior program manager for sustainable transportation at Amazon, told Supply Chain Dive in an interview. “So not just the logistics business, but also AWS and the data centers, device production, etc. But regardless of what type of operation, we’re committed to making actual changes within our business, in order to eliminate the carbon emissions associated with it, as opposed to offsets outside of our business.”





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DHL began looking into using cargo bikes in New York City two years ago as part of its GoGreen initiative, which aims to reduce its logistics emissions to zero by 2050. But at the time, electric bikes were illegal in the city. DHL began meeting with state and local officials around the same time the city began talking about trying to reduce truck congestion and emissions.

“It was good timing,” Marsh said. “Earlier this year they started allowing e-bikes and then they reached out to us ... when they were ready to start looking exploring a pilot.” Amazon said its delivery bikes have been on the street in New York City since last February. It could still be a few weeks before DHL and UPS bikes are seen on the street. Marsh said DHL’s formal deal with the city should be finalized soon. ■



Christmas In New York

Spirit of the Season in New York’s Bryant Park

Does an editor of an aviation newspaper get in trouble for praising a local tourist attraction that is only a subway ride or metro transit ride to midtown Manhattan? As a native New Yorker and lover of the city, I have a reason to tout this great metropolis for our readers.

My discovery of the Bryant Park transformation was an accident. That evening, I had attended a concert in MSG, and riding up 6th Avenue to make my way home to Orange County, I passed Bryant Park, located on 42nd St.; two square blocks between 5th and 6th Avenues. I sat in my car, amazed by the Christmas tree, the lighting, the retail stalls and the dozens of people skating. This was a good excuse to extend the excursion into the city and find out what was going on.

Bryant Park is the home of the iconic New York Public Library, and in the past, I utilized the huge collection of books to do research and homework. It is one of the best libraries in the world. The library with its classic Romanesque architecture and lion sitting on guard to the left of the stairs, and the interior staircases and quiet cubbyholes was in itself a great place to visit. My visits to the library happened decades ago, when I worked in Manhattan. Bryant Park, is located in the back of the library, and was simply a nice place to sit and enjoy the sights and sounds of the city, and now the park is called a “Winter Village” for the holidays.



To some, I guess this transformation is a bit much. But to New Yorkers, it is the usual all-out-effort of bringing a new experience and a new venue for city dwellers. How about ice skating on 42nd St. If you add ice skating in the shadow of skyscrapers, and you’ve got the Bank of America Winter Village at Bryant Park. On Dec. 5, there was a tree lighting event complete with a youth choir and a visit from Santa.

The annual Winter Village features dozens of holiday pop-up shops offering a wide selection, so visitors can check off everything on even the most eclectic gift list.

And how about this, the Santa is there in person to tell him what you want in person? Bryant Park’s well-educated Santa (a Mensa member who also happens to be a Nobel Prize winner) presided over Santa’s Corner from Dec. 14th to 22th.

The food options are plentiful and have holiday must-haves like hot chocolate and cider covered. The mini doughnuts at Dough nuttury were almost as much fun to watch being made as they were to eat. And visitors can escape the elements and still get a bite and a brew at the Lodge food hall.

When you have your belly and your shopping tote full, grab some ice time at the 17,000-square-foot rink under the glow of the village’s decked-out 55-foot tree. The rink offers classes, a broomball league and even bumper cars.

The winter attraction ran through January 2, 2019. So, if you missed it this year...put it on your calendar for Winter 2020. **JOSEPH ALBA**



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Celadon Goes Belly Up In Shocking Announcement

Celadon, the 11th largest trucking company in the United States with 4,000 employee appears to have achieved the impossible. The company has filed for bankruptcy in a market that was not as vital as the 2018 period, but still had high demand, and low supply.

The announcement followed a move by the SEC on December 12th to charge two former executives at the Indiana company with accounting fraud.

Former Celadon president and chief operating officer William Eric Meek and former chief financial officer Bobby Peavler have been accused of trying to conceal losses via a scheme to buy and sell trucks at inflated price, up to triple their value.

Celadon itself is accused of overstating its pre-tax income, net income and earnings per share in its annual report up to June 2016 and subsequent 2016 filings. Mr. Meek left the company in 2017, and Mr. Peavler in 2018. Celadon agreed in April to pay total restitution of \$42.2m, “for filing materially false and misleading statements to investors and falsifying books, records and accounts”.

Paul Svindland, formerly of XPO and EZE Trucking, brought in as chief executive in 2017 “to clear up the mess”, said: “We have diligently explored all possible options to restructure Celadon and keep business operations ongoing; however, a number of legacy and market headwinds made this impossible.

“Celadon has faced significant costs associated with a multi-year investigation into the actions of former management, including the restatement of financial statements.

“When combined with the enormous challenges in the industry, and our significant debt obligations, Celadon was unable to address our significant liquidity constraints through asset sales or other restructuring strategies.

“Therefore, in conjunction with our lenders, we concluded that Celadon had no choice but to cease all operations and proceed with the orderly and safe wind-down of our operations through the Chapter 11 process.”

Celadon’s lenders had agreed to provide incremental debtor-in-possession financing. Celadon Group on Dec. 9 filed for Chapter 11 bankruptcy protection in federal court in Delaware, ceasing operations immediately in one of the largest bankruptcy filings for a trucking company in recent memory.

“We have diligently explored all possible options to restructure Celadon and keep business operations ongoing, however, a number of legacy and market headwinds made this impossible to achieve,” CEO Paul Svindland said. Among those headwinds was \$42.2 million in fines the company agreed to pay to the U.S. Department of Justice to settle allegations of accounting fraud levied against prior management. The weight of the financial picture and the DOJ investigation proved too much for the company, Svindland said.

The only division that will remain open will be Taylor Express, which is headquartered in Hope Mills, N.C. Celadon said it will attempt to sell that company.

Celadon in its bankruptcy petition listed assets of \$427 million and debt of \$391 million. The Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration’s registry listed Celadon as having 2,771 power units and 2,553 drivers as of Oct. 25.

The company’s closure deals a significant blow to the economy in its home state, said Gary Langston, president of the Indiana Motor Truck Association.

The fact the company is initiating Chapter 11 willingly is also extraordinary, Broughton said. This type of action usually comes at the request of bankers who force Chapter 7, he said. ■



Bologna Airport Has New Lamborghini for Planes to Follow

Leave it to the Italians to perform a mundane airport task and make it stylish and dramatic. Yes, that is a photo of a Lamborghini Huracán and it is leading a massive jet aircraft to the tarmac take-off position.

Italian luxury sports car manufacturer Lamborghini has delivered a new Huracán to Guglielmo Marconi Airport in Bologna. A “new” one, as it is the sixth car that the brand has been ‘generous’ enough to gift its local airport for use of leading aircraft on the runways.

The new “Follow-Me” Lamborghini Huracán RWD was delivered to the Bologna Guglielmo Marconi Airport on December 10, 2019, the manufacturer announced. Designed by Lamborghini Centro Stile, the car sports a unique livery: the orange body is embellished with graphics depicting the typical machines maneuvering in the airport areas; the Italian flag is featured on both doors, roof, front and rear intakes; a chequerboard design tops the front and rear haunches.

It is the sixth Lamborghini to be delivered to the Bologna Airport. In 2013, on the occasion of the brand’s 50th anniversary, the manufacturer delivered the Aventador LP700-4. Since then, the airport has been receiving a supercar each year (the Huracán LP610-4 in 2014 and 2016, and the Huracán RWD in 2015, 2017 and 2018).

The new Huracán is a rear-driven LP-580, which has a 5.2-liter naturally aspirated V10 engine with 580-horsepower. Sadly, the new car, capable of reaching top speed of 199mph (320km/h), will not be able to live to its full potential on the new job as airport car speeds are limited to around 35mph (56km/h). Equipped with an orange light-bar on the roof, as well as a radio connected with the control tower of the airport, the car will be leading aircraft towards the parking stand or taxiing out to the runway. Safe to say, the vehicle will surely stand out. ■

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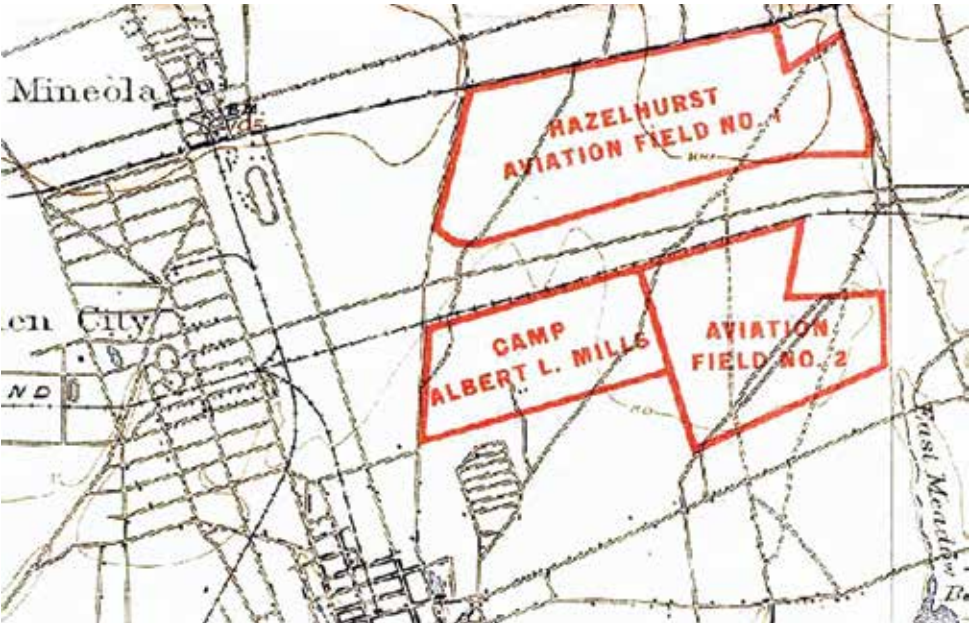
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Long Island’s Roosevelt Field

An Airport With A Long and Famous History

Long Island may not be the birthplace of aviation but it is certainly the birthplace of international air travel

On the morning of May 20, 1927, Charles Lindbergh took off from Roosevelt Field airport and pointed his airplane towards Paris, making a successful transatlantic flight. Flying for 33 1/2 hours and covering approximately 3,600 miles, Lindbergh was the first person to fly non-stop from the United States to France. His feat opened up future international air travel between the U.S. and Europe, and now millions of people enjoy the same transatlantic air service Lindbergh did: cramped, hungry, and tired.



Roosevelt Field also hosted Amelia Earhart and Wiley Post, the latter using the airport to start an around-the-world flight in 1931. Roosevelt Field was located about 10 miles from JFK’s present location and unfortunately closed in 1951 to be replaced with a shopping mall, businesses and a college. For aviation

buffs, The Cradle of Aviation Museum is located not too far from where Lindbergh started his flight, with a few old hangars still standing, and is worth visiting if in the Long Island or New York City area.

A Brief History

Roosevelt Field has gone through a history with many names and with many forms of ownership. The airport was located 2.3 miles east-southeast of Mineola, Long Island, New York. Originally called the Hempstead Plains Aerodrome, or sometimes Hempstead Plains field or the Garden City Aerodrome, it was a training field (Hazelhurst Field) for the Air Service, United States Army during World War I.

The Hempstead Plains Aerodrome originally encompassed 900 to 1,000 acres (405 ha) east of and abutting Clinton Road, south of and adjacent to Old Country Road, and west of Merrick Avenue. A bluff 15 feet in elevation divided the plain into two large fields. The U.S. Army Signal Corps established the Signal Corps Aviation Station, Mineola on the west field in July 1916, as a pilot training school for members of the National Guard.

When the U.S. entered the war in April 1917, the entire field was taken over and renamed Hazelhurst Field after Leighton Wilson Hazelhurst, Jr. Hazelhurst was a native of Georgia and was a graduate of the United States Military Academy. He reported for aeronautical duty at the Signal Corps Aviation School, Augusta,

Georgia, on March 2, 1912. On June 11, 1912, while making a flight at College Park, Maryland the plane crashed to the ground and both the pilot and Lt. Hazelhurst were both killed.

An adjacent tract of land south of the Hempstead branch line of the Long Island Rail Road was acquired for expansion, becoming Camp Mills along Clinton Road and Hazelhurst Aviation Field No. 2 to the east, part of the massive Air Service Aviation Concentration Center.

On the morning of 5 July 1919 the British R34 (airship) landed after having crossed the Atlantic as the first aircraft in east-west direction. In later returned to Britain being the first aircraft completing an Atlantic crossing in both directions.

In 1919, it was renamed in honor of President Theodore Roosevelt’s son, Quentin, who was killed in air combat during World War I.

After the armistice, the Air Service authorized several companies to operate from the fields but maintained control until July 1, 1920, at which time the government sold its buildings and improvements and relinquished control of the property.

Civil Authority

Once in civilian hands, the owners sold portions along the southern edge of the field and split the remainder of the property into two separate areas. Curtiss Field, a 300-acre airport on the original site of Hazelhurst Field, occupied half of the western portion along Clinton Road. Roosevelt Field occupied the remainder, consisting of seven hangars and a large parking ramp adjacent to Curtiss Field.

Both fields were bought in 1929 by Roosevelt Field, Inc. The western field, called “Unit 2”, and the runway atop the bluff, called “Unit 1”, were connected by a broad earthen taxi ramp and the consolidated property was named Roosevelt Field. Unit 1 was sold in 1936 and became

the Roosevelt Raceway, while Unit 2 continued to operate as an aviation center under the name Roosevelt Field. At its peak in the 1930s, it was America’s busiest civilian airfield.

World War II

Roosevelt Field was commissioned as Naval Air Facility Mineola in 1943. Its mission was to serve as a modification & delivery center for newly manufactured aircraft, primarily those purchased by the British. In 2 1/2 years, Roosevelt delivered 6,662 aircraft.

The 1944 *U.S. Army/Navy Directory of Airfields* described “NAF, Roosevelt” as having a 3,000 ft hard-surfaced runway, and indicated that both Army & Navy operations were conducted at the field.

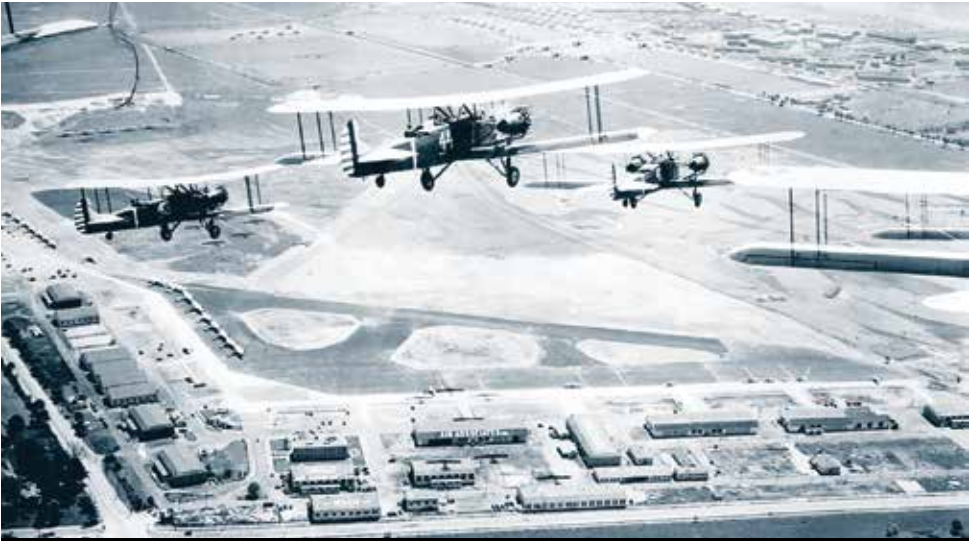
During World War 2 the Dade Brothers factory, adjacent to Roosevelt Field, which had been a home builder, was contracted by the Army to produce wooden wings & tails for CG-4 troop gliders. At its height during WW2, the airfield consisted of a total of 3 asphalt runways (the largest was 3,000 ft long), parking ramps, 6 large hangars along the northeast ramp, and numerous smaller hangars & other buildings.

Closure

After the war, Roosevelt Field reverted to operation as a commercial airport until it was acquired by real estate developers in 1950. The field closed on May 31, 1951.

The eastern field first became an industrial park but is now largely retail shopping, including the Mall at The Source on the site of the former runway, and townhouses, while the site of the original flying field in 1911–1916 has become a shopping mall. **JOSEPH ALBA**

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Military aircraft approaching Roosevelt after the government began using the airport in 1931.

Alaska Airlines Flies Kids to North Pole On Fantasy Flight

On the weekend of December 13th, Alaska Airlines ran its’ annual Fantasy Flight arriving at the “North Pole” to bring smiles and holiday cheer to 65 children, many of whom live in shelters or transitional housing. For most of the kids, it was their first time on an airplane. Flight 1225 (as in “Dec. 25”), not only departed Spokane, Washington for Santa’s hometown at 4:45 p.m., but we also threw an elaborately decorated party – a true winter wonderland.

For children who don’t have much, the special treatment provides a momentary lift this time of year – and memories to last a lifetime. Since 2008, Alaska Airlines has sponsored the annual Fantasy Flight, with many Alaska and Horizon employees volunteering as “elves” ready to make magic happen.

Nonstop to the North Pole

The journey begins to Spokane International Airport, where each child is given a “passport” to the North Pole and a personal “elf” that takes them under their wing.

Volunteers are required to dress in their best elf-wear and develop their individual elf history to help the kids believe their North Pole adventure is real. The flight crew usually dons Santa hats or antlers. The annual event is organized by nonprofit Northwest North Pole Adventures, and numerous companies donate jet fuel, food, toys and other items.

After passing through airport security, the children are presented with backpacks and are greeted at the Alaska boarding area with festive music and food.

Just before it’s time to board the plane to the North Pole, the elves begin shouting, “We’re going home! We’re going home!” The children and elves board an Alaska jet given the call sign Santa 1, and the plane departs into the sky above Spokane.

Halfway through the 40-minute flight, the children are instructed to close their window shades and recite a magical chant that would allow them to enter Santa’s airspace. Minutes later, they arrive at the “North Pole” – in reality, a spruced-up hangar at the end of the Spokane airfield. It has been transformed into a glittering fantasyland of Christmas fun with decorations, games, jugglers, magicians, face painters, a Polar Express train set, and fancy sugar cookies and other sweets.

Santa and Mrs. Claus arrive, and each child gets to visit Santa and receive a gift they previously requested in a wish letter. And, the list is checked to ensure every young traveler is in Santa’s book under ‘nice’.

While happy spirits fill the air, there are many poignant reminders of the difficulty each child faces. One year, after visiting a booth to select pajamas, a young girl put on her purple PJs as fast as she could, near tears, because she’d never owned pajamas before.

“The most magical part of Fantasy Flight is how happy it makes the kids,” said one of the elves. “Not only do we help them reach the North Pole where there is literally unlimited ice cream, hot chocolate, and cookies, but they get to be the craziest, happiest kids they want to be because a lot of them haven’t been able to be kids at home.”

As the night winds down, the children gather around to hear Mrs. Claus read “The Polar Express,” the beloved story about a magical train that takes a group of children on a journey to the North Pole to meet Santa. ■



Elves and young travelers play games and dance at gate before their Fantasy Flight to the North Pole at the Spokane Airport December 14, 2019.

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2019 China Cargo Losses Caused By Over Expansion

A perceptive article on LinkedIn by Freight Logistics Provider, Stephen Wang, summarizes the air cargo industry in China – and perhaps most of Asia – in 2019. One effect is a corporate ban on bonuses and travel, notes writer Fenny Min, following 10 months of losses for air cargo companies. She adds that a “blind policy” of expansion has led to more supply than demand, with the effect of rates as low as \$1.42 per kg. It is worth noting that the Block Service Agreement contract firms versus the small bulk shipment forwarders absorbed the most losses. The smaller firms had the advantage in the high capacity market. Is this a trend worth noting for the US North American market? **The Editor**

BY STEPHEN WANG

Freight Logistics Service Provider,
Published on LinkedIn on December 5, 2019

Due to the first 10 months of 2019 with huge losses, many Block Space Agreement firms (BSA) handling air freight with fixed volume and space has been through a difficult time this year. Some companies have announced the cancellation of the annual meeting, the annual travel is also ruined, and the annual bonus is also tentative!

The air freight forwarding market in 2019 is in a slump. Uni-Top Airlines recently grounded cargo aircraft to seek restructuring, Longhao Airlines was sold to Henan aviation investment

committee which is owned by Henan state-owned assets supervision and administration commission. YTO Cargo Airlines and SF Airlines also face a dilemma of low airplane utilization.

1 Slow growth in cargo volume while rapid increase in air cargo capacity.

The growth rate of air cargo and mail traffic in 2019 was the lowest since 2012, with 6.113 million tons completed in the first 10 months, up only 1.0 percent year-on-year. On the contrary, the capacity growth trend in 2019 is extremely fast! No less than 10 provincial capitals,

including Zhengzhou, Xi 'An, Wuhan, Changsha, Nanchang, Jinan, and Urumqi, in the mainland, are racing to become world-class international air cargo hubs.

A third runway at the airport was built to serve as an air cargo charter service to Europe and America boomed, and a host of subsidiary business poured in. During peak hours, all-cargo charter flights from mainland China to Liege in Belgium alone have no less than 30 flights a week. The blind policy leads to disorderly expansion of transport capacity, resulting in the situation of “supply more than demand” in charter operators. Even under the strong support of policy subsidies, it is still very common to get cargo at a low rate. In the bleakest time, air rates from China to Europe is less than 10 RMB per kilogram!

2 Small agents earned while the Block Space Agreement firms lost.

In the past, when the salesman of the BSA came out to collect goods in the market, they would pat his chest proudly and say that his company is the core agent of XX airline with dozens of aviation plates every day and thousands of tons of goods every month.

This year, we found that some small bulk



freight forwarding companies that did not sign too many BSA fixed boards made money with target end customers. Normally for those big BSA, they need to make profit for at least five or six months, make even for another two or three months, and lose money for the rest two or three months in off-season, so they will earn over the course of a year.

While in 2019, there is no discernible peak season in the first 10 months in the air freight market. Even in May and June, ahead of Amazon's prime day, and September, ahead of

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Chinese National Day, we didn't see a significant spike. On the contrary, it was not until the end of October that I suddenly found the volume of goods increased all of a sudden, which was in line with some peak shipping time at end of the year, such as E-commerce 11. 11 promotion, Black Friday and Christmas. But no matter how crazily the air rate increased at the last two months of this year, with the loss of the first 10 months, it is still difficult to make up and reverse the situation – the annual loss has become a foregone conclusion!

3 The rules of the air cargo market are changing

As the benefits of accession to WTO have been released, China's exporting volume has grown rapidly in the last over 10 years since the SARS outbreak in 2003. In 2010, air cargo traffic reached 5.63 million tons, with an increase of 1.18 million tons over 2009 and a year-on-year growth rate of 26.4 percent.

For a long time in the past, the whole air freight forwarding market is a market dominated by transport capacity. Whoever holds more space of high-quality transport capacity will have a greater voice in the market. Airlines and charter companies have always been at the top of the food chain, and a large number of BSA spend a lot of energy and time in public relations with upstream capacity providers in order to obtain space resources.

But now in the case of the surplus of the whole aviation capacity market, the power of the

market has shifted to the special line companies who are controlling the terminal supply and the e-commerce platform. The growing number of charter flights for e-commerce platforms and special line companies is just at the beginning.

4 How do you measure the revenues in the air cargo market in 2020?

A large number of airlines and charter companies do not achieve ideal revenue in 2019, so to reduce the capacity of cargo aircraft in 2020 is normal market behavior.

The only uncertainty is that many local governments in the mainland might introduce larger financial subsidies to cover the losses of charter operators in order to boost the economic development of local industries.

When the non-market behavior of industry is increasing, it is not objective enough for us to predict the future trend by the normal logic of relation of supply and demand market. One unchangeable fact is that more BSA will reduce the contract of fixed volume, and more flexible capacity arrangements will be added in 2020. Contract terms given to agents by airlines are expected to be loosened in 2020.

Looking to the future, the trend of cross-border e-commerce trade fragmentation transaction orders will not change. Dedicated logistics for air freight demand will continue to rise, and the entire industry upstream and the downstream relationship has been quietly changing, where will be the next turning point in the air freight industry? Let's wait and see. ■

Neeleman's Breeze Aviation to Set Up HQ In Utah

David Neeleman's Breeze Aviation will establish its corporate headquarters in Salt Lake City Utah ahead of the unveiling of a low-cost carrier - likely its Moxy Airways project - in the new year.

A statement issued by the Utah Governor's Office of Economic Development (GOED) said that by basing its headquarters in Salt Lake City, Breeze Aviation could earn up to 20% of the new state taxes it will pay over the five-year life of the agreement in the form of a Utah Legislature-authorized Economic Development Tax Increment Finance (EDTIF) tax rebate.



David Neeleman

The GOED Board has approved a post-performance tax rebate not to exceed USD1,082,000. Each year the company meets the criteria in its contract with the state, it will earn a portion of the total tax rebate. For its part, Breeze Aviation plans to create 369 jobs over the next five years with the LCC it plans to launch to focus on service from secondary airports.

"We have long recognized the potential our regional airports hold for economic growth," Theresa A. Foxley, president and CEO of EDCUtah said. "We welcome Breeze Aviation to consider service to any of the many great airports that the state of Utah offers."

The tentatively-named Moxy Airways signed an order agreement with Airbus (AIB, Toulouse Blagnac) for sixty A220-300s in December 2018. In June this year, it signed a Letter of Intent with GECAS covering the sales/leaseback of the first nine A220s. The first A220 is due to arrive in April 2021 ahead of a proposed May launch date. ■



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Munich’s Christmas Market

The first two weeks of December, are notorious for being the slowest two weeks of the year in the travel business. This time period is the aftermath of the Thanksgiving holiday and becomes the buying season, leading up to Christmas. You can almost travel anywhere and name your price.

It is this time of the year that I go to Europe

to enjoy Europe’s magnificent Christmas markets. This year we began by visiting the five Christmas Markets in Munich Germany. Without a doubt, I visited the two best Christmas markets in Munich.

The Christmas market in downtown Munich, on the Marienplatz, was huge and radiates through-out the city via Munich’s finger

streets, and is a beautiful and outstanding traditional Christmas market.

We felt the best Christmas market in Munich was actually not a Christmas market at all, but a “Winter Festival” market, that is located on the Oktoberfest grounds, just outside of the downtown area. This winter festival called Tollwood, was massive and is made up of traditional Christmas shops, along with many restaurants, bars, and rock shows in tents. This festival is open till 1am each night and is packed with mostly young adults, and really does rock.

Munich can be reached non-stop from JFK airport via Lufthansa or you can fly Delta or Lufthansa from JFK airport to Frankfurt and then take a fast-regional train 3 hours from Munich. This gives you the advantage of being closer to city attractions as soon as you arrive rather than taking transportation from the airport.

I stayed at the Sheraton Four Points hotel, that is walking distance to the Oktoberfest-Grounds, and only 1 stop from the main train station in Munich and 3 stops from the Marienplatz.

No trip to Munich is complete without a visit to the famous Hofbrauhaus. Yes, it is flooded with tourists, but it is fun, the food is great, and the beer is forever flowing.

I also traveled the 65 miles, via regional train

(1 hour and 15 minutes) to Salzburg, Austria for its main downtown Christmas market. This market was beautiful and the city is always gorgeous. The Christmas market was fine, but not comparable to Munich’s.

We ended the trip in Frankfurt and for the second time, visited the under-rated and very beautiful, small and virtually unknown city of Mainz. Mainz is 30 minutes from Frankfurt via train and can be toured in a day. The Mainz Christmas market is small, but charming in its own way.

I have traveled to many other Christmas markets and have found the Christmas market in Brussels to be fantastic and huge and the market in Nuremburg advertised as the largest in Europe to be one of the best.

Christmas markets have always been a favorite of all of us who travel to these markets. The cities normally have superior shopping and great restaurants and any time of the year, are a pleasure to visit. **JONATHAN KATZ**

Editors Note: For experienced travelers, like Jonathan Katz, going by train is a great way to visit a variety of cities in the same country, and they are usually savvy enough to figure out how to plan their travels while in-country. However, the new visitor needs to understand their itinerary, times of travel and the exact location of train-stations before they board the airplane. This information is available on the websites of most rail carriers in Europe.



Saudia Cargo Transports Formula-E Cars

Saudia Cargo has for the second year in a row transported the World Championship Formula-E cars, that took place between November 22nd and 23rd at the Historical Diriyah, carrying 67 cars in four shipments totaling 375 tons. Formula-E cars departed from Milano, Italy and Doncaster, United Kingdom, to King Khalid International Airport, Riyadh.

Abdulrahman Al-Mubarak, Saudia Cargo’s Chief Commercial Officer, stated that “all Formula-E cars have successfully been transported, Saudia Cargo team exercised extreme

care in the ground-handling operations, and coordinated the entire process with the organizers of the Championship.

“Saudia Cargo is a major supporter of all global events taking place across the Kingdom and always mobilizes its logistics capabilities to ensure the success of these events. We have transported all types of equipment and spare parts for major events around the country related to sports, entertainment, cultural and social,” Al-Mubarak stressed.

In 2019 alone, hundreds of tons of WWE

equipment, Cirque Du Soleil, artworks of international artist Leonardo Da Vinci, as well as the Discovery Exhibition space parts were transported during Jeddah and Riyadh seasons.

Saudia Cargo’s network covers more than 900 global destinations in more than 175 countries, a proud SkyTeam Cargo Alliance member, having logistical capabilities and a freighter fleet. ■



Upcoming Airport Events

January 1

LAAMCO MONTHLY MEETING
LaGuardia Airport, Terminal B, Flushing, NY
www.laamco.com

January 5

NEW YORK METRO CHAPTER OF THE BLACK PILOTS OF AMERICA
Republic Airport (FRG), East Farmingdale, NY
www.nymetrobpa.org

January 9

LAGUARDIA KIWANIS MONTHLY MEETING
LaGuardia Marriott Hotel, East Elmhurst, NY
www.lgakiwanis.org

January 13

CIVIL AIR PATROL FALCON SQUADRON MEETING
JFK Airport, Building 14, Jamaica, NY
www.falconsquadron.org

January 14

OPEN HOUSE: MASTER OF PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION (MPA)
Convenient onsite evening classes at EWR Airport. Choose from 6 specializations, including Global Transportation Management.
Newark Airport, Building One, Newark, NJ
RSVP: mpa@fdi.edu

January 15

JFK AIRPORT ROTARY CLUB LUNCH MEETING
JFK Airport, Building 14, Room D, Jamaica, NY
www.JFKRotaryClub.org

January 16

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January 23

WINGS CLUB LUNCHEON
Speaker: Enrique Beltranena, President and CEO of Volaris.
Yale Club, New York City, NY
www.wingsclub.org

January 23

AIRPORT NETWORKING EVENT HOSTED BY JFK ROTARY CLUB, JFK CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, AND CRADLE OF AVIATION
Cradle of Aviation Museum, Garden City, NY
www.JFKRotaryClub.org

January 26-28

AIRCARGO 2020
Airlines, airport authorities, freight forwarders, truckers and expediting companies along with the vendors who support them are all in one place.
Omni Nashville Hotel, Nashville, TN
www.aircargocongress.com

January 27

LAURETAN JUBILEE YEAR MASS AT JFK AIRPORT
With Statue of Our Lady of Loreto
JFK Airport, Terminal 4, Jamaica, NY
www.jfkchapel.org

February 4

THE FUTURE OF BUSINESS IN QUEENS: THE CANDIDATES FOR QUEENS BOROUGH PRESIDENT
Come and learn about the issues facing Queens and how the future Borough President will support small business
Antun's, Queens Village, NY
www.queenschamber.org

February 5

JFK AIRPORT ROTARY CLUB DINNER MEETING
Vetro Restaurant & Lounge, Howard Beach, NY
www.JFKRotaryClub.org

February 8

HOPS AND PROPS CRAFT BEER FESTIVAL
Cradle of Aviation Museum, Garden City, NY
www.cradleofaviation.org

February 12

JFK CHAMBER OF COMMERCE MEMBERS MEETING
JFK Airport, Building 14, Jamaica, NY
www.jfkairportchamberofcommerce.org

February 25

MARDI GRAS FOR THE SISTERS OF NOTRE DAME EDUCATIONAL CENTER
Roma View Catering, Howard Beach, NY
www.ssndecwomens.com

February 27

JFK AIR CARGO LUNCHEON
Crowne Plaza JFK, Jamaica, NY
www.jfkaircargo.net

March 26

JFK AIR CARGO ASSOCIATION ANNUAL CARGO EXPO
Russo's on the Bay, Howard Beach, NY
www.jfkaircargo.net

www.metroairportnews.com/airport-events



School Sisters of Notre Dame Educational Center

Mardi Gras Celebration

We will crown **Jennifer Alcazar as Queen**, and **Philip DiChiara as King** of Mardi Gras, join us as we honor and celebrate them at this fundraiser. Mardi Gras 2020 will usher in a milestone year to celebrate 16 years since we opened our doors to just 18 women. Since 2004 we have welcomed almost 2,000 women through our doors.

February 25, 2020
Roma View Catering Howard Beach, NY
To reserve seats, contact Sonia Saleh at (718) 738-0588 or email ssndec@aol.com
www.ssndecwomens.com



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