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A Christmas Spectacular for Thousands of Children at JFK Airport

BY LENIS RODRIGUES
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During the holiday season, Delta Air Lines will be shuttling hundreds of thousands of passengers from John F. Kennedy Airport to destinations all over the globe.

But one special passenger arrived at JFK to meet and greet thousands of special children on a magical day in Queens. The Macy's Santa Claus arrived not with a sleigh and eight tiny reindeer, but via a Delta 767 jet bound from the North Pole. From the plane, it was on to a train that enabled Santa to take a spin around the colorfully decorated Hangar 19 at JFK.

As has been tradition for more than 40 years, Santa was the star attraction at the Community Mayors Operation Santa event held in the JFK hangar under the watchful eyes of dozens of Port Authority staff. More than 3,000 children from New York City communities with special needs were entertained this year after eagerly awaiting the arrival of Jolly Old St.



Nick. They were bused into the facility and excited their buses singing along with the Christmas carols being played in the facility.

"This event makes the days of all of these

children brighter and that is more than enough to bring tears to my eyes. At the end of the day you know you've done something good," said

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ASN Data Show 2017 Was Safest Year In Aviation History

Not a single jet-powered commercial passenger jet crash

The Aviation Safety Network released the 2017 airliner accident statistics showing an extremely low total of 10 fatal airliner accidents, resulting in 44 fatalities.

The year 2017 turned out to be the safest year ever for commercial aviation, Aviation Safety Network data show.

Over the year 2017 the Aviation Safety Network recorded a total of 10 fatal airliner accidents, resulting in 44 occupant fatalities and 35 persons on the ground. This makes 2017 the safest year ever, both by the number of fatal accidents as well as in terms of fatalities. In 2016 ASN recorded 16 accidents and 303 lives lost.

Five accidents involved cargo flights, five were passenger flights. Given the expected worldwide air traffic of about 36,800,000

flights, the accident rate is one fatal passenger flight accident per 7,360,000 flights.

The low number of accidents comes as no surprise, according to ASN President Harro Ranter: "Since 1997 the average number of airliner accidents has shown a steady and persistent decline, for a great deal thanks to the continuing safety-driven efforts by international aviation organizations such as ICAO, IATA, Flight Safety Foundation and the aviation industry."

On Dec. 31, aviation had a record period of 398 days with no passenger jet airliner accidents. Additionally, a record period of 792 days passed since the previous civil aircraft accident claiming over 100 lives. One out of 10 accident airplanes was operated by an airline on the E.U. "blacklist". ■

United Reprises Fantasy Flights to North Pole

United Airlines provided Fantasy Flights to the North Pole from 13 cities this year. The flights transport children affected by illness or poverty to a winter wonderland constructed by airline employees. The young passengers are welcomed on board a United aircraft for the one-hour flight to the North Pole, which sometimes involves taxiing to another gate and at other times includes a brief period aloft. Upon arrival, the children find themselves in a fantasy North Pole setting. ■



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Shelley Della Rocca, the volunteer president and CEO of Community Mayors whose father, Dominick, began running special events for kids in need 65 years ago.

It was a remarkably festive event, featuring Macy's balloons, volunteers and children dressed as clowns, parading cartoon characters, and marching bands that included the Port Authority Police Department Pipe Band and Honor Guard. In keeping with the spirit of the day, Fernando Garcia, a student at P.S. 993 in Floral Park, Queens, asked Santa for his very own airplane for Christmas. And he wished Santa, Mrs. Claus and all of their friends a Merry Christmas.

Community Mayors is a not-for-profit organization that continues to help children with disabilities and host special events for them, relying on thousands of volunteers from uniformed service organizations, business and government, including the Port Authority, to carry out its mission.

"The continued success of Operation Santa at JFK for over 40 years already speaks volumes," said JFK Airport General Manager Michael Moran. "It is a testament to the dedication and collaboration among our airport community, federal partners, and elected officials in supporting children with special needs during the holidays."

"Delta is committed to giving back to the communities in which we live, work and serve," added Stephanie Baldwin, Delta's Vice President-Airport Operations at JFK. "We're proud to be a part of this holiday tradition."

The event also underscored the special relationship that JFK, Delta and the Community Mayors maintain with Macy's. "It is incredibly rewarding for everyone at Macy's to extend the magic and bring the joyous spirit of Santa to so many of New York City's children with special needs," said Susan Tercero, Group Vice President of Macy's Branded Entertainment. ■



Christ the World Chapel Hosted Christmas Concert

Pastor Dabee and Christ the World Chapel hosted a Christmas Concert on December 9th in the arrivals hall of Terminal 4. All in attendance were treated to beautiful holiday music provided by local musicians. ■



RUDY AUSLANDER

St. Peter's Lutheran Church Choir from Cypress Hills, Brooklyn.

JFK Rotary Club Holiday Party for Children With Special Needs

The JFK Rotary Club held its annual Holiday Party for kids with special needs at the JetBlue Hangar. There were over 350 children having the time of their lives! They were greeted by elves and received gifts and treats throughout the event. The children spent time with special guests Disney Princesses Anna and Elsa, M&M, Kinder Egg, Rudolph, Sparky from the Islanders, a snowman and many more.

Everyone was entertained by a live band, a clown and a balloon animal artist. The event was non-stop excitement with the kids having so much fun. The highlight of the day was the JetBlue plane that brought in Santa Claus with Mrs. Claus all the way from the North Pole to have a visit with the kids.

It takes a lot of effort to make this such a

special event for the kids and the airport community. A special Thank You to all that participated in making this magical event a success!

Sponsors include HMS Host, OTG, SSP, Royal Waste, Duty Free, JetBlue, M&M, Cadbury, Brooke Jackman Foundation, Crowne Plaza, Kuddles the Clown, Songs in the Attic band, Unity Electric, Long Island Blues. TnT, Mets, Astor Chocolate, 717 Food Group, Amermex, Poland Spring, Hilton Garden Inn, Millneck School, NPT Electric, Russo's, Courtney, US Figure Skating and Bill Henry. The Aviation High School Color Guard provided an amazing performance, and the students worked so hard getting everything ready for the kids.

The entire event was filled with smiles, laughter, and pure joy for all in attendance. ■



Kicking Off the Season With the Second Annual *Metropolitan Airport News* Holiday Party

The *Metropolitan Airport News* hosted our 2nd annual Holiday Party at the Inn at New Hyde Park on December 7th. It was well attended by many airport personnel and aviation companies and groups. The party was a great night to get together and kick off the holiday season. The DJ, the photo booth, and the donut wall were all big hit! A special thank you to the groups that joined the party, PALS (Patient Airlift Services), JFK Rotary, CALMM, and many more. Thank you to all of our advertisers and sponsors, and most importantly, thank you to all that attended! ■

View all the photos from the party on our website, and on Flickr (www.flickr.com/metroairportnews)



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(L- R) Trevor Broom, Glenn Schalk, Bob Kennedy, and Marcin Krol

CALMM December Meeting Featuring Glennco

CALMM, the Council for Airline Maintenance Managers, held a meeting on December 12th. The guest speaker was **Glenn Schalk** of GlennCo, an aviation training company.

Glenn discussed the importance of continued training for mechanics. In many cases he tailors the training for the individual airline, providing custom training for the next generation of technicians.

For more information about GlennCo, visit www.glenncotraining.com

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LaGuardia Kiwanis Club Hosts Children’s Holiday Luncheon

A host of sponsors, teachers, students and volunteers attended the annual LaGuardia Kiwanis Club’s Children’s Holiday-Christmas party on December 15th.

There were children from 6 Public/Private/Charter Schools from the surrounding area attending the event receiving toys and gifts. The event was made possible by Royal Waste Services, A&R Foods, Airline Vending, WBLS, Cowboy Eddie & Dancers, Grace and Resurrection Church.

Vaughn College Student & Staff, LGA Kiwanis Members and Volunteers supported the luncheon with their work before and during the event.

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Westfield Corp. Sold for \$24.7 Billion to Unibail-Rodamco

European property giant Unibail-Rodamco has paid \$24.7 billion to buy the Westfield Corporation, which operates 35 Westfield shopping centres in the United States and UK, plus numerous airport malls in both the US and Europe.

For its part, the Unibail-Rodamco company operates some 71 retail sites and shopping malls of its own, but this ‘merger’ will now move it closer to becoming ‘the world’s leading shopping centre company in the world,’ according to Australian Sir Frank Lowy, who has just sold Westfield. Specialist retail analysts are now suggesting that this new merger will create a combined operational retail sales turnover of \$72 billion.

For its part, the Westfield Corp’s US arm also includes significant business with airport malls in both the US and Europe, which include Boston, Los Angeles, Miami, New York JFK, Newark, O’Hare Chicago, Orlando and Newark.

In total, Westfield’s customer footfall is said to exceed 400 million visitors a year, to 6,500 retail outlets within its malls and annual sales of around \$15 billion.

This new consolidation of both companies under a single ownership is immediately expected to create around \$100 million in synergies and savings, while financial analysts are also suggesting it will result in the disposal of around \$3bn-worth of smaller businesses held by both entities.

Some of these experts say this is inevitable since the small businesses may lack the minimum critical masse threshold as ‘viable’ under the newly-enlarged retail group’s market entry criteria.

This latest sale follows huge ongoing consolidation elsewhere in the international retail market in recent months and years.

For example, shopping centre owner Hammerson (which owns the Birmingham Bullring) took over the UK and Spanish retail interests of Intu for £21bn (\$28.2 billion) earlier this month to create the UK’s biggest property company.

Analysts are also suggesting that this ongoing ‘consolidation’ is far from over, as many believe that traditional mall owners are seeking to scale. ■



New York JFK Airport is a flagship Westfield location.

JFK Airport’s Terminal 4 Welcomes 21 Million Passengers In 2017

Record-breaking passenger volume showcases continued growth for the Terminal, home to 33 airlines

On December 21st, Terminal 4 at John F. Kennedy International Airport – one of the world’s most modern and active air terminals – announced that it has welcomed its 21 millionth passenger for 2017, continuing its rapid year-by-year growth since opening in 2001.

In celebration of this milestone, T4 employees delighted passengers with special gifts such as gift cards, insulated water bottles and travel bags, courtesy of the terminal. At the center of the Retail Lounge, the 21millionth passenger was awarded a new iPad.

“Terminal 4’s unprecedented growth over the past several years is a remarkable feat – one that could not have been accomplished without the hard work and dedication of thousands of employees who work each and every day to constantly improve the passenger experience,” said Gert-Jan de Graaff, President and CEO of JFKIAT, the company which operates Terminal 4. “More than 15 years ago, we began operations with just over four million passengers. Now, as we welcome more than 21 million passengers per year, I am grateful for everyone who has made this achievement possible and look forward to seeing what the future holds for Terminal 4 in the years to come.”

One of six active terminals at JFK, Terminal 4 accounts for nearly one-third of all traffic at one of the world’s largest airports. In the past year alone, Terminal 4 has welcomed three new airlines, several retail stores and infrastructure improvements. As the premiere



gateway to New York City, Terminal 4 will continue to undergo enhancements in the years ahead to accommodate even more passengers and provide them with the best travel experience possible. ■



(L-R) Marcy Beam, Tamika Bucknor, Ana Zapata from the Sheraton at JFK Sales and Management team.

Sheraton JFK Holiday Luncheon

On December 12th, the Sheraton JFK hosted a wonderful luncheon for their clients and partners from all over the JFK and aviation community. They were treated to amazing food, a beautiful desert table and top-notch entertainment.

The Sheraton JFK is truly a wonderful part of the JFK community providing support to many of our travelers, local businesses, employees, military and police, community and civic associations by way of lodging as well as business/catering facilities and meeting space.

For more information about the Sheraton JFK, go to www.sheratonjfk.com or call 718-425-1252.

Annual Chanukah Party at JFK

The International Synagogue at JFK International Airport was proud to host their Annual Chanukah Party on December 13th. The people in attendance shared in the Menorah Lighting Ceremony and holiday songs. The Yeshiva Choir of Flatbush was on hand to perform. For more information about the International Synagogue, visit www.internationalsynagogue.org



Yeshiva of Flatbush choir performs during the International Synagogue at JFK’s Annual Chanukah party.

Influencing The Next Generation of Aviation Maintenance Technicians

BY BOB IRELAND

Managing Director of Engineering and Maintenance at Airlines for America

Did you know that the New York City's Aviation High School and Vaughn College together graduate more than 20 percent of the U.S. supply of new Aviation Maintenance Technicians (AMTs)? That was one of the fun facts that came from A4A's second AMT Career Forum held last month at JetBlue headquarters in Long Island City.

A4A has placed itself at the forefront of advocating new ways to address the predicted high demand for AMTs that is expected in the next 20 years. With Boeing's recent prediction of 648,000 AMTs needed by 2036 – 118,000 in the US – industry forecasts predict the most dramatic shortfall to begin in the mid-2020s. The talent we need is sitting in grade school right now. Finding ways to attract students to our profession is as essential as finding pilots, who are also predicted to be in similar short supply.

Our challenges include the lack of an audacious national aerospace goal, like Apollo in the

60s that lured much of today's aging AMT workforce. Also largely absent are school programs that build early awareness and confidence for students who can work with their hands as well as their brains.

The goal of A4A's AMT Forum series is to generate actionable ideas, not just talk. After hearing from schools, associations, member airline recruiters and major contract maintainer HAECO, A4A has joined up with Aviation Week to redouble efforts on two primary fronts: reaching students through their schools and teaming up with the military to take advantage of experienced technicians leaving the services.

The school outreach makes AvWeek's vast content more available, and repurposed, for the K-12 audience in an effort to generate interest and awareness of this high-tech career. In our age of computer-laden aircraft, from avionics to flight controls and engines, it's not just greasy fingernails anymore!

On the military side, AvWeek and A4A will moderate high level discussions with military



leaders at AvWeek's next MRO-Americas event next April. FAA already provides a certification path for military technicians, while airlines and schools fill any gaps to get them "service ready" for the commercial aviation world.

Stay tuned to this space as we work together to build the future of the airline industry by engaging the youngest aspiring technicians, and those "ready-now" people who have served our country. ■

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New Cargo Facility Approved By Port Authority

Governor Andrew M. Cuomo announced a long-term lease between the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey and Aero JFK II, LLC for a 21st century, state-of-the-art 346,000 square-foot cargo handling facility at John F. Kennedy International Airport.

The \$132 million combined investment in the facility and taxiway upgrades represent the first phase of the modernization of air cargo operations at JFK, fulfilling a major recommendation of the Governor's Aviation Advisory Panel to enhance the airport's position in the international air cargo market, and is a key first step in the ambitious plan to transform and modernize JFK into a world-class airport.

The JFK cargo industry currently supports 50,000 jobs, \$8.6 billion in sales and almost \$3 billion in wages, and these investments will help grow the industry and create additional jobs. Agreements associated with this project will include the goal of reaching a combined participation rate of 30% Minority- and Women-Owned Business Enterprises (MWBE).

"We are transforming JFK into a world-class, state-of-the art airport and -- with this new cargo facility -- a major economic engine," Governor Cuomo said. "With this much-needed modernization of JFK's cargo operations, we will help create jobs and support economic growth across the entire New York metropolitan area for years to come."

In addition to approving the \$70 million investment for the new cargo warehouse, the Port Authority Board also approved a \$62.2

million project to rehabilitate and enhance Taxiways CA and CB, which were last rehabilitated in the 1980s and designed for fleets of aircraft that predate today's modern and larger cargo planes. The runway rehabilitation of Taxiways CA and CB includes the realignment of portions of both taxiways to allow the industry's largest cargo planes to access the airport's north cargo area, along with electrical and drainage improvements and upgrades of crossing taxiway areas.

The Vision Plan recommendations for enhancing cargo operations call for consolidation, upgrading and expansion of cargo facilities onto the airport's north side, reducing transfer times, positioning cargo operations where there is convenient, efficient road access to off-airport cargo operations, and phasing out existing obsolete and underused warehouses. More than half of JFK's cargo buildings are more than 40 years old, and do not meet current industry standards, including the two that will be demolished on the site of the proposed new facility.

Port Authority Executive Director Rick Cotton said, "John F. Kennedy International Airport long has been one of the nation's most important destinations, not only for passengers, but also for the movement of air cargo and we are taking concrete action to ensure that remains the case throughout the 21st century. The Governor's Vision Plan for JFK recognizes that cargo commerce at our airports is vital to the region's needs for goods and services, as



The project includes \$70 Million investment in new cargo facility plus \$62.2 Million upgrade to two taxiways to allow larger cargo planes to access north side warehouses.

well as a critical component in creating jobs and boosting the economy. Today's authorization is an important first step to transforming JFK's cargo facilities into a best-in-class 21st Century operation as well as our broader ambitions to transform JFK."

Erin Gruver, Aeroterm's Chief Development Officer, said, "This project serves as a critical first step in revitalizing JFK's air cargo sector. We are privileged to be entrusted by the Governor and the Port Authority to fund and develop such an essential piece of JFK's future. We look forward to delivering this state-of-the-art and high-profile project to Worldwide Flight

Services who, along with their airline partners will occupy and operate long term in the facility. Adding this new project to our existing facilities at JFK brings our total investment in the airport to more than \$200 million highlighting the value we place on JFK and New York."

The Port Authority board approved a new lease agreement with Aero JFK II for the development of the new state-of-the-art cargo handling facility at the site of Buildings 260/261, a parcel exceeding 26 acres. The existing buildings are more than 40 years old and are vacant given their inability to handle today's modern cargo shipments. ■



JFK Chamber of Commerce Wine and Cheese Mixer

The JFK Chamber of Commerce and the Hilton JFK hosted a Wine and Cheese Networking event on December 4th. It was very well attended with familiar faces from the JFK Airport community as well as many new ones. For more information on how to become a member of the JFK Chamber of Commerce, go to www.jfkairportchamberofcommerce.org

Columbia Association Makes \$53,000 Donation to the JFK 9/11 Memorial Fund

Phil Maddalena a former CBP officer, and President of the Columbia Association announced that the Columbia Association would donate \$53,000 to the JFK 9/11 Memorial Fund that is managed by The JFK Airport Chamber of Commerce. The money was raised back in 2002 to honor the Port Authority Police officers who were killed on September 11, 2001 in the World Trade Center terrorist attacks. It took 15 years to find the right project to partner with. The Association was pleased to learn of the project underway between the JFK Chamber of Commerce and the Port Authority of NY\NJ. The memorial is in the planning phase and is slated to be built at JFK International Airport at the ball field near Federal Circle.

For the past 62 years the Columbia Association has been a driving force of good among the New York international trade community, and will, with the help of its members and supporters continue to do so. For more information about the Columbia Association, visit www.columbiaassnusc.org.

For information on how to contribute to the JFK Chamber of Commerce 9/11 Memorial, please visit www.jfkairportchamberofcommerce.org



Phil Maddalena, President of the Columbia Association



SKAAMCO Gathers for Holiday Cheer

The SKAAMCO Holiday Party on December 6th, was hosted by the JFK Hilton Hotel and Marg Ir-gang, General Manager, Hilda Cangelosi, Director of Sales and Oded Garti, Sales Manager. The JFK Hilton catered the luncheon and treated the group to a fabulous spread.

This year in addition to the usual luncheon, Airway Maintenance, Fred Catanese, provided the generous funds for our annual holiday gift giving for the 55 members who were in attendance. The recipients are still talking about their Swarovski gift.

If that wasn't enough, each member was given a keepsake which was made possible by the follow-ing Sponsors: Fred Kamel-API; Tom Herrshaft-Golden Touch; Gert-Jan deGraff-JFKIAT; KAAMCO-Ajay Dhawan and Robert McAdams-Sheltair.

On behalf of the SKAAMCO Board Members Paula, Rose, Christina and Hope, we would like to wish you and your families a very happy and safe holiday season. ■

JFK Air Traffic Controllers Prevent Disaster

The quick actions from air traffic controllers at JFK Airport helped prevent a disaster on the runway. A Delta plane was roll-ing down Runway 13 right when another jet, a Volaris flight, mis-takenly lined up on the same runway. The Volaris flight was supposed to land on a parallel runway, Runway 13 left.

“Brickyard 4231 cancel take off plans,” an air traffic control-ler is heard saying on the radio. “Brickyard cancel take off plans.”

The crew on the Delta flight stopped their takeoff and taxied off the runway as air traffic control-lers ordered the Volaris flight to go around. “You’re lined up on the wrong runway,” another air traf-fic controller is heard saying. “Volaris 880 go around, turn left heading 100.”

The crew of a Volaris A320 from Mexico was cleared to land on Runway 13 Left at John F. Ken-nedy International Airport, but instead lined up on 13 Right — a runway already occupied by a Delta Embraer 170. ATC cancelled the Delta crew’s takeoff clearance, and they taxied off the runway. The Volaris crew was told to go around, and they came back to land safely on Runway 22 Left. In a state-ment released to the media, the Mexican airline said: “Volaris will conduct an investigation to de-termine the factors that led to this event. The safety of our passengers and crew is our highest priority.” The Delta flight took off safely after the delay. ■



Live Animal Transport Will Require CEIV Certification

IATA has revealed plans to launch CEIV certification for live animal transport and will also begin to investigate the possibility of a scheme for perishables.

Speaking at an IATA Cargo media day, Andrea Gruber, head of special cargo at the airline as-sociation, said that following the success of its security and pharma CEIV certification programs it would look to launch a program for animal transport.

Gruber said that much of the regulatory frame work for CEIV Live Animals was already in place through its Live Animal Regulations (LAR). Next year the association would develop pilot projects in conjunction with industry participants.

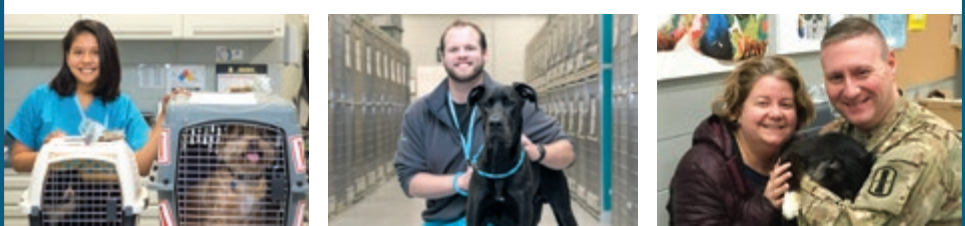
Gruber said the requirement for the certification was driven by the industry and would aim to reduce animal stress, injury and death; improve compliance with standards and regulations; and raise professionalism in the industry.

Gruber said that feedback from the industry had suggested that “there are a lot of cowboys out there that are doing it [transporting animals] but not in the right way”. Explaining the need for the certification, she said: “The welfare of animals is critical. It is a niche market that requires constant attention.”

Gruber pointed out that the LAR has become the worldwide standard for transporting live an-imals by commercial airlines and that a number of international organisations and governmen-tal agencies reference the regulations as guidelines that must be followed for the carriage of animals.

LAR requires that all persons who transport, accept, handle or load animals must be familiar with the specific requirements for individual species. ■

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Topping Off Ceremony for New TWA Hotel at JFK

The future TWA Hotel which will have 505 guest rooms and over 50,000 square feet of state of the art meeting and event space held a “Topping Out” ceremony on December 14th.

In building construction, topping out (sometimes referred to as topping off) is a builders’ rite traditionally held when the last beam (or its equivalent) is placed atop a structure during its construction.

To commemorate this event, hundreds of construction workers gathered at a ceremony for the new hotel at John F Kennedy International Airport.

The complex is being built by MCR, the seventh largest hotel owner-operator in the United States, and once completed, the hotel will preserve Eero Saarinen’s iconic TWA Flight Center, and adaptively reusing the terminal as a hotel.

One of the largest construction projects in New York City, the TWA Hotel will create more than 3,700 permanent and construction union jobs, with approximately 300 union construction workers on-site daily. The hotel is slated to open in early 2019.

“Since the TWA Hotel groundbreaking with Governor Cuomo less than one year ago, our team has been hard at work breathing new life into Eero Saarinen’s TWA Flight Center terminal and developing one of the most iconic hotels in the world,” said Tyler Morse, CEO of MCR and Morse Development.

“This topping out brings us one step closer to reviving this treasured landmark and re-opening it to the public for generations to come. Thank you to all our partners in government, labor, and construction for their support over this past year – we look forward to welcoming everyone to the TWA Hotel in 2019.”

Featuring an off-grid cogeneration plant, the two low-rise hotel structures are set back on

either side of the terminal, designed to defer to the historic landmark.

Saarinen’s TWA Flight Center terminal building will serve as the hotel lobby; at 200,000 square feet the lobby is thought to be the largest hotel lobby in the world.

Hotel guests and passengers from every terminal will have easy access to the TWA Hotel via the AirTrain as well as through the famous Saarinen passenger tubes that connect directly to JFK’s Terminal 5.

The TWA Hotel will also house a Jet Age and mid-century modern museum that will chronicle the mid-century modern design era and the rise of the Jet Age, exhibiting mid-century furniture, TWA uniforms, David Klein destination posters, inflight amenities and other TWA memorabilia – much of which has been donated by the TWA employee community.

MCR’s redevelopment of the TWA Flight Center, which involves 22 federal, state, and city agencies, is an entirely privately-funded investment.

“We are delighted to see the TWA Hotel coming to life on our doorstep at Kennedy Airport,” said Robin Hayes, president and chief executive officer, JetBlue. This is one of the most highly anticipated hospitality developments in memory and we couldn’t be more excited to have JetBlue be part of it in partnership with MCR.”

While Rick Cotton, executive director of the Port Authority noted: “The futuristic TWA Flight Center at John F Kennedy International Airport set the mid-20th-century jet-age standard for terminal design.

“The TWA Hotel’s latest topping-out milestone is an exciting milestone for the project as well as for New York and for Governor Andrew Cuomo’s vision to remake New York’s airports into state-of-the-art gateways for national and international travelers.” ■



MCR CEO Tyler Morse and Turner Construction’s Rick Faustini and Gary McAssey standing next to the north hotel tower crane with ceremonial flags.



TWA Hotel construction workers and partners at the TWA Hotel Topping Out ceremony.

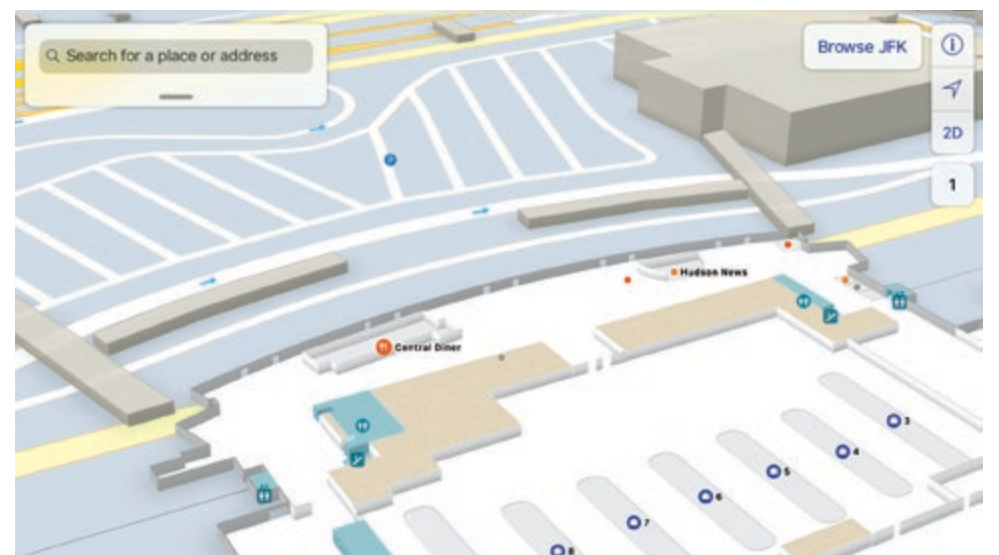
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Apple has added indoor maps of some major airports around the world to its Maps app. Los Angeles International (LAX) airport, London’s Heathrow (LHR), as well as John F. Kennedy (JFK), Newark Liberty International (EWR) and LaGuardia (LGA) are all now supported in Apple Maps.

This means that when Apple Maps users go to these airports they’ll now see accurate locations of gates, check-in counters, baggage claim, security checkpoints, shops, bathrooms, restaurants, and lounges, all as part of an interactive overall layout – including a 3D view of each airport. The Maps app will even let you ask Siri to direct you to any one of these places inside each airport.

(Apple involves each airport in the process of making these indoor maps, so if you still balk at the idea of using Apple Maps, even though it’s been redesigned over the years, know that this part of the app is at least supposed to be carefully curated.)

Apple’s been adding other major hubs over the last few months. Indoor maps for Chicago’s O’Hare International (ORD) and Midway (MDW) airports were added in October, while support for Hong Kong International (HKG), Berlin (TXL, SXF), Houston (IAH, HOU), and Amsterdam (AMS) was added in November. Apple Maps now supports indoor maps for more than 30 airports, and the company says it will keep rolling them out incrementally. ■



Apple Map view of JFK’s Terminal 4.

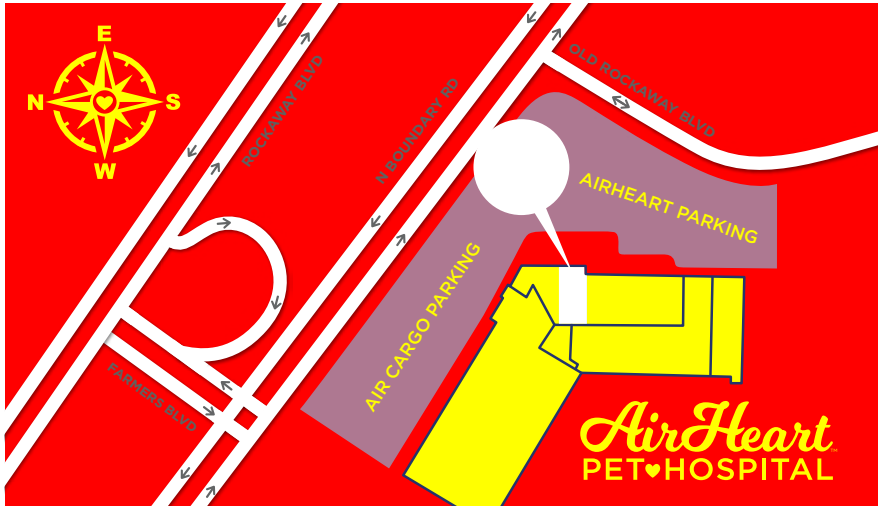


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Power Outage at Atlanta’s Hartsfield Airport Strands Thousands

Power Restored on Sunday,
December 17th close to midnight

Power has been restored at Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport after a 12-hour outage caused by a fire led to more than 1,200 flight cancellations. Passengers were left stranded on planes on the tarmac and in darkened terminals at the world’s busiest airport following the blackout.

Even though power was finally restored at close to midnight Sunday, the incident continued to wreak havoc on holiday travel plans for thousands of people hit by airline cancellations extending into Monday and beyond.

Georgia Power said it believes a failure of its equipment may have started the fire and in a written statement, the firm said: ‘While evaluation of the incident is ongoing, Georgia Power believes that a piece of Georgia Power switchgear located in an underground electrical facility could have failed and started a fire.

‘This fire was located adjacent to redundant circuit cables and switching mechanisms serving the airport and those cables were damaged, resulting in the outage and loss of redundant service methods.’

Hundreds of flights were cancelled causing a backlog that meant travel chaos lasting up to a week after the outages. Delta said it was cancelling about 300 flights, on top of the 900 prior day cancellations because of the Atlanta outage.

A statement on the Delta website reads: ‘Most of the 300 cancellations Monday are early morning, inbound flights to Atlanta to give the operation there an opportunity to more quickly return to normal. Delta’s flight schedule in Atlanta is expected to return to normal by Monday afternoon.’

Robert Mann, an aviation consultant and former American Airlines executive, said it likely will be Tuesday before Delta’s operations in Atlanta return to normal, and for passengers ‘it could be most of the week’ because there aren’t many open seats on other flights in the last week before Christmas. ‘Tomorrow is going to be a long and difficult day for everybody,’ Mann said.

All passengers had safely disembarked from aircraft by approximately 10pm, or nine hours after the outage began, Atlanta Mayor Kasim Reed said on Twitter.

The city was providing shelter to stranded passengers at the Georgia International Convention Center and said Chick-fil-A would be providing food for passengers. By late Sunday the city said it had provided 2,000 meals.

‘We’re just focusing on the comfort of our passengers,’ Reed told a news conference. ‘We know they have had a very, very long and difficult day.’

Georgia Power, the utility that provides electricity to the sprawling airport, said the failure was linked to a fire in an underground facility that damaged substations serving Hartsfield. The blaze also damaged access to a backup system, Reed told reporters, adding the cause remained unknown.

For all carriers, nearly 700 flights scheduled to fly out of Hartsfield, or 60 per cent, were canceled on Sunday as of 10.30pm EST, while 477 of all scheduled inbound flights were scratched, airline tracking service FlightAware said.

During the power outage, passengers inside the airport were forced to light their way with their cell phones and people in wheelchairs had to be carried down stairwells. People were reportedly stuck on planes for more than seven hours.

Twitter user @VolsGuy2 wrote: ‘Try being stuck on a plane for over 7 hours... still stuck no food, no water, bathrooms full. No updates... get us out of here!’

Windowless portions of the airport were plunged into complete darkness and thousands of passengers were stranded inside

‘Why doesn’t Atlanta have an “emergency backup system”?’ she wrote. ‘The mayor said that they had passed out water but my son never saw it. What about the old people or children with no food water or place to sleep but a cold, barely lighted terminal.

There was a back-up system; it just could not be used due to damage at Georgia Power. ■



Passengers wait in a dark terminal at Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport following a power outage.

New York/New Jersey Airport Cargo Trends Not Looking Pretty

Air Cargo World Survey Shows Continuing Decline

BY JOSEPH ALBA

Editor-in-Chief

A midwestern airport that once handled 800 thousand tons of cargo a year only 10 years ago is now almost equal to the total cargo volumes of JFK Airport (1.28 m tons). That airport is Indianapolis Airport and it is investing hundreds of millions to improve both airside and cargo handling infrastructure. When you add the growth of Indianapolis to the similar strong growth of Akron-Canton and Cincinnati/Kentucky Airports, the picture gets even more worrisome. This is especially true when you look at how JFK Cargo figures have decreased in ten years. (1.6 m tons in 2007) down 320 hundred thousand tons.

Well known and prestigious NY fashion companies are moving to the Midwest to gain the benefits of reduced airside fees, quicker and more efficient transfer of cargo from aircraft to other shipping modes, and considerably lower tolls, taxes and airport fees. One of the creative steps the airports at these locations is doing is building specialized warehouses close to the tarmac that become storage and transit points for clothing and accessory manufacturers.

The decrease in JFK's Cargo traffic over the past 25 years has been happening in little increments. At one time, JFK Airport handled more cargo than any other airport globally until 1990. A quarter of a century later, JFK's ranking has fallen to 22nd globally, according to *Air Cargo World's*, "Top 50 Cargo Airports" ranking.

Last month, New York City's Committee on Economic Development held hearings to address that slow decline. The committee discussed ways to improve cargo operations and grow volumes across all of NYC's regional

airports, which have struggled to keep pace with global demand for air cargo over the last couple of decades.

NYC Council Member Dan Garodnick pointed the finger at underinvestment in the region's airports saying that, "many of the cargo facilities at JFK airport are over 40 years old and in dire need of renovation and modernization."

According to ACW's Top 50 Airports listing, JFK's volumes fell 0.6 percent in 2016. Over a longer timeline, JFK's numbers look even worse. According to a report released in conjunction with the committee hearing, only two of the nation's 15 largest airports experienced a decline in air cargo traffic from 2014 to 2016, one of which was JFK.

The report found that air cargo volumes are down 6.3 percent over the last five years at JFK, and 26 percent since 2004. "The total economic impact of JFK's air cargo industry has fallen 31 percent since 2004," the report found.

It helps that JFK seems to be catching the rising tide in 2017. According to The Port Authority of New York and New Jersey, cargo volumes across all regional airports were up 7.4 percent, year-over-year, for the first three quarters of 2017. JFK certainly accounted for a good share of that growth.

And while government investment is a critical part of the airfreight equation, plenty of carriers are increasing special cargo capabilities at JFK on their own steam, to handle growing volumes of pharma and other high-value shipments between New York, the U.K. and the E.U.

The new dedicated Air Cargo facility being developed at JFK and due to be completed by

2019 may be a partial answer to the need for special cargo capabilities.

But perhaps the overall problem is not simply JFK's and the other local airport's infrastructure needs. Perhaps Garodnick and other NYC and the State of New York politicians need to look in the mirror at the hefty tax burden borne by NY businesses, cost of fuels, onerous regulations that make the Bible look like a back-pocket brochure, and the diminished capacity of our roads to handle truck traffic. And it is predominately trucks that carry the air cargo out of the airports to their commercial destinations.

In 1960, if you were driving on the Grand Central/Van Wyck Expressway from the Triboro Bridge to JFK, you would be on a 6-lane highway from Astoria all the way down to Jamaica. And today, if you are taking the same route, you are still primarily on a 6-lane highway with minimal improvement to handle

traffic into the airport. There is an on-going fifteen-year project to do what to the Van Wyck and you wonder if the fifteen years of traffic jams is worth the so-called improvements.

When your commuting trip on the Van Wyck is at its' most southerly point, instead of a large and open roadway with clear signage and distinct lane separation that indicates you are now entering JFK, most trucks and cars need to weave their way into the right lane to avoid missing the entry into JFK. I have seen this almost every time when I am commuting down the Van Wyck.

Has any other city in the United States frozen their road access from city center to the airports?

I believe we also have to take a fresh look at the air cargo business in and around our NY region airports, and seek ways to work with logistics firms and other cargo based businesses in the region to pool ideas, participate in joint development projects – such as the new cargo facility planned at JFK and convince politicians that New York business-people and consumers are not walking ATM's.

Would it be too humbling to use the midwestern airports as a "best practices model" for cargo operations and study the possibility of incorporating some of their ideas? ■



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TWA Silver Wings Christmas Luncheon

TWA Silver Wings (an association of retired TWA flight attendants) held their annual Christmas luncheon on December 6th at the cozy Coppola's East followed by a special treat.

Tyler Morse, CEO OF MCR, extended a special invitation to the group to visit the TWA Lounge on the 86th floor of One World Trade Center, his company's headquarters. Chris Betz, event coordinator for the space, was on hand to greet the group and answer any questions. A replica of the TWA Terminal 5 "fishbowl" was wonderfully authentic with its red carpeting and seating, iconic tiles and Solari board. The only difference was the incredible view outside the windows.

Other areas included a museum with TWA memorabilia and uniforms, a mini Ambassadors Club and a room devoted to construction plans and pictures of the TWA Hotel at JFK. All that was missing to take me back to my days at the terminal in the 70's was a sound system playing "Up, Up, and Away" playing in a constant loop. **ROBERTA DUNN**



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Tragedy Averted In Port Authority Access Corridor

ISIS Inspired bomber fails in mission to rain death and destruction on New York commuters

BY JOSEPH ALBA

A Bangladeshi man — inspired by ISIS — set off a pipe bomb adjacent to New York’s Port Authority bus terminal during rush hour Monday morning December 10th, sowing mass chaos but causing few injuries — likely because the “attempted terrorist” detonated his “low-tech device” prematurely.

The suspect, Akayed Ullah, a Bangladesh immigrant, set off the device in an underground corridor that connects the Port Authority Bus Terminal to the subway system at rush hour, injuring himself and three others. The suspect traveled from Brooklyn to Manhattan on the subway system and was just in a corridor just outside the bus terminal when the bomb detonated.

The attack sent frightened commuters fleeing through a smoky passageway, and three people suffered headaches and ringing ears from the first bomb blast in the transportation system in more than two decades.

Port Authority Police Department (PAPD) officers took quick and decisive action to apprehend a suspect linked to the explosion to ensure public safety and restore calm after the incident.

After touring the bus terminal and speaking with police and facility employees, Port Authority Chairman Kevin O’Toole and Executive Director Rick Cotton praised the actions of four officers who responded to the incident in an underground subway pedestrian passageway near the PABT during the height of this morning’s rush hour. They subdued the

suspect and placed him under arrest, with the case now under the jurisdiction of federal authorities.

Ullah’s low-tech bomb used explosive powder, a nine-volt battery, a Christmas light and matches, the officials said. Investigators said the suspect was seen on surveillance footage igniting the bomb. In the end, it wasn’t powerful enough to turn the pipe into deadly shrapnel, the officials said.

Just before he tried blowing himself up, Akayed Ullah took to Facebook and hinted at his sinister plan while taunting President Trump. ‘Trump, you failed to protect your nation,’ Ullah posted just before the attack, prosecutors revealed in court on Tuesday as he was hit with federal terrorism charges.

Ullah also reportedly showed his distaste for his adopted country by writing on his Bangladesh passport ‘O, America, die in your rage,’ the complaint says.

The criminal complaint also states that Ullah said he carried out the attack in the name of the Islamic State. ‘I did it for the Islamic State,’ he told investigators. ‘Ullah carried out the December 11 attack in part because of the United States government’s policies in, among other places, the Middle East.

‘One of Ullah’s goals in carrying out the December 11 attack was to terrorize as many people as possible. He chose to carry out the attack on a workday because he believed that there would be more people,’ the complaint reads.

Prosecutors say Ullah began the radicalization process back in 2014, when he started watching and reading ISIS propaganda.

He started buying ingredients for his bomb about two to three weeks ago, and assembled it in his Brooklyn apartment last week.

The Bangladeshi immigrant faces charges of bombing a public place, using a weapon of mass destruction and material support for a foreign terrorist organization. He was also hit with



Four police officers with Port Authority of New York and Jersey — including one Army veteran and two Marine veterans — are being hailed as heroes for taking down the New York City bombing suspect before he was able to do any more damage after initially detonating a pipe bomb underground at the Port Authority Bus Terminal on Monday, December 10th.

The officers were identified as Marine veteran Sean Gallagher; Marine bomb technician veteran Anthony Manfredini; Drew Preston, a soldier who served in Afghanistan and Iraq, and has served three combat tours; and John “Jack” Collins, a lawyer who has served as a police officer for about 20 years.

state charges including criminal possession of a weapon, supporting an act of terrorism, and making a terroristic threat. It was unclear if the Bangladeshi immigrant, who was hospitalized with burns to his hands and stomach, was well enough to make a court appearance.

In the meantime, the US Government is taking steps to make it more difficult for immigrants to come to the US via a “Lottery” or “Chain Migration”.

Attorney General Jeff Sessions said: “The Department of Justice is relentless in taking on the terrorist threat. The FBI has open

terrorism investigations in every state. To make law enforcement’s job easier, however, Congress must finally fix our broken immigration system so that we admit to this country those who are likely to succeed, not violent criminals, gang members, terrorists, or their sympathizers. The fact that someone wins a lottery or is someone’s relative tells us nothing about their ability to assimilate. ■

Sources for this article include the Department of Justice, Southern District of NY Press Release, Police Department of NY Press Releases, Port Authority of NYNJ Press Release, Guardian blog and Crains NY blog, Military News, Port Authority Police Benevolent Society.



Port Authority bomb suspect, Akayed Ullah, loaded into an ambulance.



Port Authority bomb suspect restrained by Police after failed attempt.





Test Pilot Draws A Christmas Tree Over The Skies of Germany

Not to worry; it was not a passenger flight; but an Airbus test pilot’s flight path carved a Christmas tree in the sky over Germany in early December. The test pilots were feeling the Christmas spirit when they left Hamburg on a test flight in an A380 this week.

When it comes to creating works of art with flight paths, not every pilot is Vincent van Gogh. Some aviators’ radar drawings wouldn’t even make it on their parents’ refrigerators. Still, it’s the effort that we appreciate, and we’ll always be suckers for something creative and unique popping up on FlightRadar24’s live tracker. **JOSEPH ALBA**

Partial source for this story is from FlightRadar24’s live tracker blog.

More Than 4,000 Pilots Hired As of End of October Surpassing Year End 2016

After a decade of instability and bankruptcies that saw hiring slow to a crawl, U.S. airlines have been adding pilots at a breakneck pace over the last three years amid rising revenues and renewed growth ambitions.

Major U.S. commercial and cargo airlines have hired more than 3,000 pilots in each of the last three years and have hired 4,353 more through October of this year, surpassing the total hires in 2016. Regional airlines are raising entry-level pay and adding bonuses in hopes of attracting more new pilots to fend off a looming pilot shortage.

Add in continued waves of departures as more aviators hit the federally mandated retirement age of 65, and arguably there’s never been a better time to become a pilot.

“Right now, the demand is so strong, when you qualify, you’re going to get multiple job offers,” said Louis Smith, a retired Northwest Airlines pilot and president of career-counseling company Future & Active Pilot Advisors. “It’s a sellers-market.”

Smith’s group is hosting a free pilot career forum at DFW Airport Saturday to introduce potential pilots to the profession and the steps it takes to make it into the cockpit.

It’s a career Smith said that can yield \$10 million dollars in lifetime earnings and benefits at a major airline, with a job description that’s unlike any other. But getting there means investing hundreds of thousands of dollars, thousands of hours of training and years working up the airline food chain.

“We always tell future pilots to avoid becoming a pilot if it’s specifically for the money or if you want to work a 9 to 5 job,” Smith said. “Airlines never close. The time away from home can be very stressful on families. You get sick of those little bars of soap. You need a passion for flying to enjoy the cockpit profession.”

For aspiring pilots who aren’t in the military — the faster growing segment of the workforce — there are a number of paths to an airline job. But they all center around one goal: building towards the minimum number of flight hours, typically 1,500, needed to start at a regional airline.

That journey usually starts at a flight school or four-year university that offers aviation-related degrees, Smith said. Training and education costs regularly stretch into the six figures, he said, with a range that can go from \$50,000 to upwards of \$200,000, depending on the length and type of program. ■

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Airbus CEO to Leave Company

On December 15, Airbus announced that its CEO Tom Enders will be leaving the company in April 2019. Enders has been an inseparable part of the company for the last 14 years.

Enders has been quoted of saying that Airbus needs more “fresh minds for the 2020s”.

The CEO is leaving, as corruption investigations in Britain and France are holding Airbus in suspense. To make matters worse, there are always technical problems, most recently with engines of medium-haul jets. The military transporter A400M program is expected to bring billions in additional costs.

A few weeks ago, media reports had been speculating about Enders’ replacement. There had been rumors at the time that French President Emmanuel Macron wanted a change.

Airbus is a political issue. Germany and France each hold an 11.1% stake in the arch-rival of the US aircraft manufacturer Boeing, Spain another 4.2%. Known by the nickname “Major Tom” Enders stands since 2012 at the head of the group, then called EADS. Previously, he was EADS Co-CEO from 2005 to 2007, and then led Airbus, the commercial aircraft subsidiary, for five years.

The former Bundeswehr paratrooper converted Airbus, initiated the renaming of EADS to Airbus and streamlined the management structures. In doing so, he was always committed to reducing state influence and turning the aviation giant into a “normal company”.

Airbus employs around 134,000 people worldwide, and in 2016 the group generated revenues of around 67 billion euros and 995 million euros in profits.

Enders will not be the only one leaving the company. Fabrice Bregier, the company’s COO and President of the Commercial Aircraft Division, will step down even earlier – in February 2018. Bregier already has a successor – Guillaume Faury, the incumbent CEO of Airbus Helicopters. ■



Tom Enders

The Last Martin 202 Lives!

BY SHEA OAKLEY

One of the few remaining vestiges of the golden age of piston-powered air transport in the New York area resides in the outside display yard of a small air museum in Teterboro, NJ. The Aviation Hall of Fame and Museum of NJ's Martin 202A also represents the very last of its kind. Of the 48 of these early post-war short to medium range twin-engined airliners constructed only this one remains.

Built in 1950 "N93204" was ordered by Trans World Airlines (TWA) as a stop-gap aircraft until the legendary carrier's larger pressurized Martin 404 fleet arrived. The original "202" model had suffered from nearly immediate metal-fatigue problems involving its wing



spar. The then modified 202A was offered for a short time prior to the 404, thus the small production run of any model 202. TWA flew 12 leased from the manufacturer and used N93204 for most of the 1960's. Allegheny Airlines then flew it for several years in the 1960's.

The airplane is believed to have then been stored at Wildwood Airport in Southern New Jersey for about 15 years starting in the late 1960's and ending with the museum's acquisition of the airframe in the early 1980's. A few years later the airliner's 35 seat cabin was opened to the public. Since that time tens of thousands of museum patrons, many of them children, have had a chance to get a feel for what it might have been like to fly out of nearby Newark airport in a classic "propliner" nearly 70 years ago.

During the past three years a nearly complete cabin restoration has been completed on N93204. By the spring of 2018 the museum expects to have a cockpit restoration finished as well. What remains is to repaint an exterior that has borne the brunt of New Jersey weather (and less than optimal air quality) since it was



last refinished in generic white paint over three decades ago. The wear on the current finish is so bad that the once unseen Allegheny "Speed-Wedge" logo on the vertical stabilizer is becoming visible again.

Estimated cost to do a complete strip and repaint in full period Allegheny colors, taking environmental regulatory costs into account,

has been estimated at \$60,000. The museum hopes to be able to accomplish this in stages over a period of years as this is quite a large sum for a relatively small institution.

In the meantime, the public will at least be able to fully enjoy the inside of one very rare and special airliner residing at historic Teterboro Airport. ■

Easing Flight Credit Hours for Pilot Training

A Senate committee chairman said he is open to dropping a contentious pilot-training provision from a Federal Aviation Administration reauthorization bill so the measure can move to the floor for debate and a vote in the new year.

Senate Commerce, Science, and Transportation Committee Chairman John Thune (R-S.D.) wrote a provision into the Senate's FAA bill (S. 1405) to create flexibility in how pilots earn training hours. The language would loosen the federally mandated 1,500 flight hours minimum for commercial airline co-pilots to allow other forms of non-flight training.

The provision aims to curb a pilot shortage among regional airlines, such as Mesa Air Group Inc., Great Lakes Aviation Inc., and SkyWest Inc. "It may be that the bill is not the best place to get that addressed, if we can get that addressed in another form," Thune said. "If we feel like we're making sufficient headway on the 1,500 hours or at least on the pilot shortage issue in some other venue then we might be able to just start moving our bill."

The 1,500-hour rule resulted from the deadly 2009 Colgan Air crash in New York. The proposal



to change that rule has generated enough opposition to stall the bill's progress since it was approved in committee in June. Opponents include Senate Minority Leader Chuck Schumer (D-N.Y.).

Transportation Secretary Elaine Chao's attention to the pilot shortage and willingness to address it through regulation give Thune reason to believe a legislative fix may not be needed, he said.

The current FAA authorization runs through March 31. ■



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Boeing and Embraer Future Relationship

The No. 1 and No. 3 makers of large commercial aircraft, Boeing and Embraer, are in talks to formally align, The Boeing Co. and Embraer SA confirmed the two companies are exploring some type of partnership, a move that would create a powerful aerospace force.

Talks between the two companies were reported initially by *The Wall Street Journal*. Boeing would be looking to acquire Embraer, the newspaper said. Any transaction would be subject to the approval of the Brazilian government and regulators, the two companies' boards and Embraer's shareholders.

The Boeing-Embraer courtship has seemed inevitable since mid-October, when Airbus, Boeing's close and fierce rival in the \$250 billion-a-year market for big commercial jets, said it was buying a majority stake in the C Series mid-size jet program from Canada's financially challenged Bombardier. Bombardier is Embraer's direct rival in the shallow end of the airliner-making pool.

Embraer and Boeing already cooperate extensively on the KC-130, a new mid-size military cargo plane that Embraer is developing as a replacement for and competitor to the venerable Lockheed C-130 military cargo plane. They also have cooperated on a number of other projects, including the design of a new 150-to 175-seat commercial jet that, in theory could compete against or even replace larger versions of the Boeing 737 in the future marketplace. Those plans were shelved long before they were complete. But they could be revived to create a stronger competitor to the Airbus A320neo, which recently has racked up impressive sales victories over the newest versions of the 737, the 737 MAX series.

On Thursday, December 21st, both companies issued a joint statement on the talks. "The Boeing Company today confirmed the two companies are engaged in discussions regarding a potential combination, the basis



of which remains under discussion," the statement said. "There is no guarantee a transaction will result from these discussions. Boeing and Embraer do not intend to make any additional comments regarding these discussions."

If such a deal were to materialize, it would have a significant impact on Embraer's manufacturing and technical facilities in Florida including Orlando Melbourne International Airport where Embraer has substantial business jet assembly operation.

The Wall Street Journal says Embraer would get a substantial premium over its \$3.7 billion market value. The companies are awaiting word from the Brazilian government, which has veto power over a sale, on whether it would allow a transaction to be approved. ■

Truckers Unprepared for Upcoming Electronic Logging Deadline

The Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA) mandate requiring that most commercial trucks use electronic logging devices (ELD) to record driver work time is fast approaching, and yet a new survey shows many drivers/owner-operators and fleets are not prepared.

According to an online poll conducted by HELP Inc., the provider of PrePass weigh station bypass and technology services, nearly half of the 1,620 respondents - or 49% - said they had yet to select an ELD ahead of the December 18, 2017 deadline. The survey occurred between November 30 and December 5, 2017.

Only 33% of all respondents said they have selected and installed an ELD while 18% said they have made a selection but have yet to install them. The poll also revealed that some trucking professionals are more prepared than others. For example, over half of the respondents identifying their position as fleet managers report having ELD devices installed and operational, compared to just under 28% of drivers/owner-operators saying the same thing.

Of those who have not installed an ELD, 68% do not plan to do so prior to the December 18 deadline. 26% of these respondents gave as their reason the fact that they are not convinced the ELD mandate will actually take effect and 31% said they are not planning to install ELDs at all.

"It is surprising to see that such a large share of both owner-operators and drivers as well as fleet professionals see no need or rush to comply with the upcoming ELD mandate," said HELP Inc. CEO Karen Rasmussen. "Whether they are in favor of ELD or not, there is every indication that the FMCSA intends to follow through with its plans to require the devices without delay." ■

Regionals Press FAA to Design Training Pathways for 121 First Officers

The Regional Airline Association, which represents 22 North American regional airlines, asked the FAA this week to approve additional "structured training pathways" for Part 121 first officers. The RAA says its data show that applicants for pilot jobs tend to do better if they are from "structured training backgrounds" with less than four years since graduation, even if they have less than 1,500 total hours.

Applicants without those attributes, but who meet the 1,500-hour minimum, require more extra training and are more likely to fail, the RAA says. "Improving aviation safety and reopening the pilot career path are not mutually exclusive objectives," said RAA President Faye Malarkey Black. "We urge the FAA to review the available data and carefully evaluate additional pathways, approving them where they will enhance safety."

Today, the system allows three structured pathways—military training, four-year aviation degree programs and two-year aviation degree programs. The RAA wants the FAA to modify this regulation and approve additional structured pathways, such as airline-based training programs, for credit toward the ATP flight-hour requirements. The lack of pilots has led to the loss of air service at 20 airports in the U.S. since 2013, according to the RAA data. Another 91 airports have lost 50 percent or more of their services. The RAA says compensation for first-year first officers at its member airlines averages \$57,316, a rise of 150 percent since 2015. ■



JFK'S World Flight Services Earns Cargo Handler of Year Award



Edward Valls, Miami Airport From Left to right: Jason Wilson, Divisional Director Real Estate Management & Development for MIA, Greg Owens, Assistant Director Business Retention & Development for MIA, Shawnpaul Booth, Vice President of WFS, Emilio Gonzalez, MIA's Airport Director.

Worldwide Flight Services(WFS), whose America HQ is at JFK Airport, was awarded Miami Airports Cargo Handler of Year for the third time in a row at a ceremony in Miami Airport. The award noted the company's commitment to safety, security, innovation, service and the local community. WFS operates 11 cargo handling facilities at Miami International Airport, serving over 30 airline customers. 2017 has seen a 10% increase in its workforce at the airport as its annual volumes have soared close to 600 million kilos.

The annual award winner is also chosen on the basis of its use of technology and innovation, its economic impact and job growth,

awards and industry certifications, and community involvement. Company nominations are judged by senior executives from Miami International Airport, the Chamber of Commerce, Beacon Council and professionals from the aviation industry.

In its submission, WFS – one of the largest cargo handlers at MIA - highlighted new developments in 2017 to its ePIC operating system, which was developed in-house to innovate cargo handling processes, provide seamless interfaces with airline IT systems, and embrace a paperless working environment. This year has seen the launch of a new Screening module to fully integrate the cargo screening process into

ePic and to deliver a paperless process that meets the U.S. Transportation Security Administration's (TSA) cargo security requirements.

In support of WFS' global commitment to the highest standards of safety and security, it has also invested in upgraded high definition CCTV technology for its facilities at MIA, and launched a new Security Observation Center (SOC), a remote 24/7 CCTV monitoring team to control and observe all WFS operations in real-time.

2017 has also seen over \$2 million invested in WFS' 30,000 sq ft Perishables Handling Center infrastructure and a newly-built temperature-controlled pharma facility. Earlier this year, WFS achieved IATA CEIV Pharma certification in Miami, making it one of the best CEIV cargo handling operations in North America, and renewed its IATA Safety Audit for Ground Operations (ISAGO) accreditation at the airport.

In recent months WFS has also supported the humanitarian relief effort in the region following hurricanes Harvey, Irma and Maria, handling C-130, DC-9, 767 and 747 aid charters.

Mike Duffy, Americas' Chief Executive Officer at WFS, added his congratulations to the Miami team, stating: "We are proud that a panel of highly-respected aviation, commerce and local authority executives have recognized WFS' contribution to the continued growth and development of this great airport. In a year when our customers' volumes in Miami are up by more than 10%, it is more evident than ever that are investments in technology, safety and security, training and our facilities are giving our customers the support they need to generate the best possible return from their cargo businesses." **JOSEPH ALBA**

Port Authority Introduces New Code of Ethics for Agency Vendors

The Port Authority is introducing a new code of ethics for its vendors, contractors and consultants, part of a comprehensive integrity program adopted by the agency's Board of Commissioners in September.

The program is designed to ensure the highest level of integrity and accountability by Port Authority employees and those hired for any work done on behalf of the Port Authority. The new vendor code strengthens the framework overall and codifies in one place various provisions related to vendor integrity that have been previously included in the Port Authority's policies and contract provisions. The code mandates that vendors – including any entity supplying goods and services to the Port Authority – consultants and contractors will be required to certify compliance with the code.

The code requires that vendors, contractors and consultants adhere to strict guidelines in the performance of Port Authority work, including: maintenance of accurate books and records; honest reporting; compliance with the Port Authority's Minority- and Women-Owned Business Enterprise (MWBE) and Disadvantaged Business (DBE) programs; a zero-tolerance policy toward offering gifts to Port Authority employees, and adherence to Fair Employment standards. The code also requires vendors to confirm that the employment of former Port Authority employees would not violate that employee's post-employment ethical obligations.

More than 34,000 vendors, contractors and consultants are registered to do business with the Port Authority. ■

McAleenan Moves One Step Closer to Full CBP Commissioner Role



Kevin McAleenan

The Senate Finance Committee unanimously approved Kevin McAleenan's confirmation to serve as commissioner of U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP), moving the vote to the full Senate for final approval.

Acting Commissioner Kevin McAleenan, 46, has served as the steadfast head of the U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) and face of the largest federal law enforcement agency to the trade since his nomination by President Donald Trump in early April 2017 to lead CBP.

The Senate Finance Committee voted to install McAleenan as the country's next CBP commissioner. His confirmation hearing before the committee was held at the end of October. McAleenan's confirmation now moves to the full Senate for final approval. Since the announcement of his nomination, McAleenan has received bipartisan support within the Senate Finance Committee.

Sen. Orrin Hatch, R-Utah, the committee's chairman, voiced his confidence in McAleenan to run the agency and implement the 2015 Trade Facilitation and Trade Enforcement Act.

The committee's ranking member, Ron Wyden, D-Ore., said, "He's got the right focus," especially when it comes to taking on "modern-day trade cheats."

The trade is also eager for McAleenan's confirmation process to wrap up in the Senate. ■

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Block Chain Technology Gains Foothold With Dnata

Before we read this article, please understand the definition since I believe this technology will change the way we do electronic business. Joseph Alba, Editor

DEFINITION: A blockchain facilitates secure online transactions, and is a decentralized and distributed digital ledger that is used to record transactions across many computers so that the record cannot be altered retroactively without the alteration of all subsequent blocks and the collusion of the network. Blockchain is especially useful in tracking and recording cargo transaction with this sectors proliferation of related electronic documents.

Dnata, Emirates Innovation Lab, flydubai Cargo, and IBM have completed a proof of concept (PoC) using blockchain technology for air cargo in Dubai. They say this has added value by eliminating redundant data and improve visibility and transparency and as a result, processes can be more streamlined and simplified right from the origin to the final destination.

Dnata's UAE cargo operations vice president commercial and business development, Kevin Ennis says: "dnata has always been at the forefront of innovation, and the success of our study to use blockchain technology in our operations means greater security, efficiency and cost savings to our customers.

"We are on the cusp of revolutionising the way we operate, and the success of this initiative with our partners will give the industry a real boost towards seamless service delivery."

Blockchain technology is a secure, public electronic ledger and peer-to-peer network, that can be managed autonomously to exchange information between different parties.

In cargo much of the processes are traditionally paper based, which requires multiple sign-offs by inspectors and receivers before goods can be delivered. Even when the system is electronic, it still requires multiple parties to sign off on cargo shipments, creating a lengthy administrative process.

Flydubai Cargo and dnata, in collaboration with Emirates Innovation Lab and IBM jointly developed a logistics platform in which blockchain infrastructure was implemented for supply chain transactions from a purchase order from the origin to delivery to the Consignee warehouse at its destination.

All the partners were able to identify issues from various perspectives such as technology, security, operation, legal perspectives, to develop new supply chain services including digitalisation of documents. ■



Ecommerce Demand Peaked During Holiday Period

Tightening freight capacity between Asia and the US in the third quarter was an outcome of major retailers ramping up their imports resulting in strong e-commerce demand over the holiday period, says a senior DHL official.

DHL Global Forwarding's vice president of sales and marketing, Paul McMillan, reports that the carrier chartered twice-weekly, round-the-world B747 freighters to provide "reliable uplift between Asia, the Americas and Europe during peak season".

His colleague, DHL Express senior vice president of network operations, Travis Cobb, confirmed: "Cross border e-commerce growth continued in the US as consumer demand for overseas products increases, driving both our imports and exports." To prepare for a busy 2017 holiday season, DHL continued investment in US facilities as well as expanding their intercontinental air capacity.

With US retailers posting record sales of \$6.6bn on Cyber Monday, e-commerce is bringing new revenue opportunities — and operational challenges — for the retail and logistics industries, says DHL. It is forecasting volume growth of 15%-40% across its four logistics business units in the US in the 2017 holiday season.

DHL eCommerce chief executive Lee Spratt said: "E-commerce is fundamentally changing the way in which logistics companies operate. To help our retail customers in the US meet the demands of online shoppers for greater transparency, convenience and speed, we had to balance increased capacity with improved efficiency and to offer flexible omni-channel solutions."

DHL hired additional staff and expanded its capacity in the US ahead of the anticipated record holiday season. It hired over 6,000 seasonal workers for its four business units to support its contract logistics, fulfillment, freight transportation and express delivery operations in December. It is also introducing new customer applications and piloting warehouse robotics to increase productivity. ■



Cathay Cargo Flying High With Perishable Shipments

Major cargo markets continued their strong growth trends, ahead of an anticipated surge in perishables shipments in December, says Cathay Pacific general manager for cargo service delivery, Frosti Lau.

In the carrier's latest newsletter, he said that transpacific routes and those to Europe and India remain "robust" while Asia Pacific recorded a 14% weekly increase and tonnage in mid-November.

Lau added: "That is even ahead of anticipated increases in perishable shipments of fruit coming into season — especially cherries — and the launch of our Christchurch [New Zealand] route in December." E-commerce volumes were boosted by another record breaking Singles' Day in China, similar to Black Friday in the US, he added.

Cathay carried 180,706 tons of cargo and mail in October, a 5% increase on the same month in 2016, when the recent recovery first set in, Lau maintained.

Other developments at the carrier include CEIV pharma certification for the airline, along with its main base, Hong Kong International Airport.

As a founding and board member of the Cargo iQ quality initiative, Cathay appointed an independent auditor this year. ■

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Delta to Add Nonstop San Jose-New York Flights

Delta announced that it will launch daily nonstop service between Mineta San Jose International and New York's Kennedy International, beginning June 8, 2018. The service will be operated with Boeing 737-800 aircraft.

Delta customers will have a new option for transiting the Bay Area and New York City in June when new nonstop service between San Jose International and New York-JFK debuts.

"We've heard loud and clear from our Bay Area customers that nonstop service to New York City is important to them, and we're pleased to offer this new daily flight starting next spring," said Ranjan Goswami, Delta's Vice President, Sales-West. "In addition to New York City access, this flight enables convenient connections to dozens of cities at our JFK hub to the Northeast and internationally."

Delta's onboard experience will be on Boeing 737-800 aircraft, equipped with on-demand entertainment, power ports and in-flight Wi-Fi access at every seat. Delta will offer seating for 16 in First Class, 36 in Comfort+ and 108 in the main cabin.

Delta just announced it will begin daily service from SJC to its New York JFK hub on June 8, operating one daily roundtrip with a 737-800. That means San Jose travelers will be able to fly nonstop to Newark on United or Alaska Airlines, and soon on either JetBlue or Delta to JFK. JetBlue started its SJC-JFK service in 2004, while Alaska and United both launched SJC-Newark flights last March.

The new Delta flight will operate as a red-eye from San Jose, with a 10:35 p.m. departure time and a 7:15 a.m. JFK arrival. The return flight leaves JFK at 8:15 a.m. and gets to SJC at 11:45 a.m. JetBlue's service is also an eastbound red-eye, while the eastbound United and Alaska flights depart SJC at 6:20 a.m. and 9:14 a.m. respectively.

"We're hopeful that as they (i.e. Delta) experience success with the red-eye, they will then ultimately feel confident about the revenue potential of adding more daytime service," an SJC spokesman told Travelskills.com. "That's exactly what Delta did in the case of Atlanta service, where 18 months ago we had only a red-eye non-stop to Atlanta, but that was so successful that they now have added two additional daytime non-stops to ATL." ■

Fairleigh Dickinson University Offers Airport Personnel BA and MPA Programs

The Public Administration Institute (PAI), an academic department at Fairleigh Dickinson University, has a long association with the Port Authority as well as the various private aviation and aviation related companies at Newark Airport. Since 2005, the PAI has offered completely on site both graduate and undergraduate degree and degree completion programs. The graduate degree offered is the Masters in Public Administration, with specializations in Global Transportation Management and Public Management, while the undergraduate Bachelor in Art program allows student to begin, or continue, their undergraduate studies. Both programs, graduate and undergraduate, are offered with a 50% tuition scholarship.

Courses within the MPA Global Transportation specialization cover such areas as logistics, transportation development and strategies, environmental and sociologic aspects of transportation, as well as issues of energy and energy usage. The alternative concentration in Public Management prepares those students interested for eventual careers in the public sector. Meanwhile, our undergraduate BA program allows students pursue their undergraduate studies through the transfer of existing college credits and/or the granting of credit for various professional or training certificates which have been already earned, on the job or elsewhere.

Being cognizant of the varied work schedules, as a less the professional and personal priorities of our students, we schedule all of our classes so to accommodate such demands. With this in mind, our faculty, including academic advisors, work with the students and their varied professional schedules in order to maximize their learning environment and opportunities.

For all those interested in beginning their studies with us or to learn more about the programs, we are holding Open House sessions this January on the 8th from 5 pm to 7 pm, and on the 9th, from 12 pm to 2 pm (in case of adverse weather conditions that week, the Open Houses then would be rescheduled for the 16th, from 5-7pm and the 17th from 12 -2 pm). All Open House sessions will be held in Administrative Building #1 at Newark Airport.

For anyone interested who may not be able to attend, we ask that you contact Fairleigh Dickinson University at: roberts@fd.edu and/or (201) 692-7176. ■

British Airways Produces Warm Stories With BA Magic Campaign

British Airways has been doing an incredible job with their marketing lately, and in particular with their "BA Magic" campaign. Through this, they encourage people to write in sharing a trip they'd like to take for a special reason, and British Airways (sometimes) makes it happen in a very special way.

In the past, there have been videos of British Airways helping a man propose to his girlfriend in-flight, them helping an aunt get to Hong Kong for just 24 hours to surprise her nephew, them helping a man take his first flight after brain surgery, them reuniting a couple that's 10,000 miles apart, them fulfilling a girl's dream of becoming cabin crew, etc.

They're just such feel good stories that are nice to share. British Airways has just released their latest video in the BA Magic series, which is about a 12 year old Scottish boy with cerebral palsy getting some very nice surprises leading up to Christmas. This is just such an incredible story that will put the biggest smile on your face and possibly even make you cry.

Airlines do these types of things because it generates goodwill and is good for their bottom line. Bravo, British Airways! It's nice that they're at least spending the money they're making on something good. To view the view on Youtube, visit youtu.be/orvn1W15lxM ■



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Virgin Atlantic Delta Cargo Joint Venture Already Paying Dividends

The new joint Virgin Atlantic Cargo and Delta Cargo Pharma Zone at Heathrow Airport is already paying dividends for both belly carriers.

The facility was opened in September and developed in response to customer requirements and to support the growing pharmaceutical volumes moved by both and to capture further pharma business on the world's busiest pharma trade lane – the US to the UK.

Among innovative features are walk-in pods to maintain 2-8°C and 15-25°C temperature ranges for loose pharma shipments, a temperature-controlled storage system for 24 pallets with six separate chambers, and a dedicated cargo door to speed up the flow of shipments through the warehouse.

Speaking to Air Cargo Week as part of a media tour at the Pharma Zone, Virgin Atlantic Cargo managing director, Dominic Kennedy (pictured above right) says the new facility, coupled with the growing ties will drive pharma freight for both and bookings are already up for pharma traffic at Heathrow.

Between them, Virgin and Delta operate 28 daily non-stop services from Heathrow to the

US, serving Atlanta, Boston, Los Angeles, Miami, New York Newark, New York JFK, San Francisco, Seattle and Washington DC, Detroit, Minneapolis, Salt Lake City, and Philadelphia.

“We are well positioned with the amount of capacity that we collectively offer and we are now just short of a quarter of capacity, which is either a Delta or Virgin aircraft,” Kennedy explains.

In the first half of this year, Kennedy says Virgin's pharma tonnage grew by 20 per cent and he expects this to increase as it continues to invest in, and develop, facilities like the Pharma Zone as well as GDP processes and training across the network.

Joining Kennedy at Heathrow was Delta Cargo vice president, Shawn Cole, who says the new facility will help grow its pharma traffic into Heathrow and on the trade lane.

He says the dedicated pharma facility at Heathrow is an important addition to its global pharma network and, most importantly, provides customers and pharma manufacturers access to another major international gateway.

Cole notes the power of the partnership of being co-located in London, but also in Atlanta, JFK and Boston, is that both carrier can jointly highlight the “uniqueness” of both brands which will drive pharma business.

Cole adds: “Both brands are complementary and we have a lot of commonality in how we can

harness that as a value proposition and that is what we have with the Pharma Zone and we are constantly learning from each other to better improve to safely and securely move freight from point A and point B.”

He says in Atlanta, Delta recently improved its pharma offering and although it is nothing quite as innovative as at Heathrow, further pharma facility investments at other US hubs is something Delta is looking into for high demand lanes. ■



Another On-Line Retailer Gets Into Logistics and Air Transport

The warning signs continue for Logistics firms and air carriers; on-line retailers are stepping into your line of work and may affect future revenues.

Reports from China suggest that on-line retailer JD.com is could follow the lead of Amazon and establish its own air cargo fleet and even build its own airports.

The South Morning China Post reports that JD.com head of logistics planning and development Bill Fu Bing told reporters that buying its own planes and building its own airports was “something we are looking at”. I can only say aviation will be important [for logistics] in the future,” the publication reports him as saying.

The move would mirror that of Amazon, which set up its own fleet of aircraft in 2016 to meet demand growth in the US. The Chinese online retailer has been expanding its presence in the logistics market over the past year.

In August, it launched a cross border alliance with a range of supply chain participants as it sought to improve the processes for bringing imported products to China.

The alliance brings together 20 brands, industry authorities and logistics and transportation companies, including Wal-Mart, Huggies, Danone, Sasa, Rakuten, eBay, Kuehne+Nagel, Agility Logistics and the China Inspection and Quarantine Association.

Together they aim to develop an integrated platform through which goods can more easily be tracked through customs clearance into China.

Reports suggest that in April JD.com also span off its logistics arm to become a separate entity. The logistics arm mainly delivers products to customers that order products that it sells. ■



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Snowball Express Gets Results for Gold Star Families for the Holidays

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"This is my first time going to 'Snowball' and my friend Zoe told me about it and I think it's going to be fun," said Bella Smithley.

"Just the support is tremendous and it makes us feel really good that people still remember the sacrifice," said Rachelle Idol.

All of the passengers have something in common: They've all lost a loved one - a mother, father, husband or wife - who died while serving their country.

"I was actually pregnant at the time he was killed. He was a tanker and he was killed in Iraq in 2008," said Rachelle Idol. He was a medic in the Army for 10 years. I miss him a lot every day. Still getting used to the fact that he's not here," said Roxanne Mazur.

"He was a major in the Marines. He was enlisted for eight years. Decided to get out, get a

degree and go back. Right before he was going to retire, he got cancer," said Michaela Reyes.

"It means a lot to the children during the holiday season because they miss their dad. We're just grateful that everybody cares so much about the children," said Stacy, who asked not to share her last name.

A chance to make new memories and have a lot of fun with people who understand each other. "This is Viviana; she didn't know she was going to Snowball until early this morning. Are you excited to go?" mom Michaela Reyes asked her daughter. "Yeah. It's going to be fun," said Viviana. "It was definitely the most fun I've ever had on an airplane". "We sang Christmas carols and drank hot chocolate," said Maximus Mazur, but that was just the beginning.

"I think I'm looking forward to their reaction of the kids when they're doing these activities and being around other kids just like them," Michaela said. "I'm looking forward to cowboy night and Damion if you're watching, hi! That's my counselor from last time," said Gavin



Smithley. "When we arrived in Dallas, the welcome was overwhelming. Countless people - military and non-military - cheered on the children and spouses. Even Gary Sinise who played Lieutenant Dan in "Forrest Gump" thanked the families for their sacrifice. He's been a major part of the Snowball Express and plays a concert for the kids every year."

"I've watched some of these kids grow up over

the last 10 years right in front of my eyes. They wear the t-shirts with their mother or father they lost, t-shirts with pictures, buttons of their loved ones they lost," Sinise said.

It's an experience he says has been both moving and humbling.

"It's very rewarding to see them enjoying themselves, forgetting everything, and getting down and partying with the band," he said. ■

Norwegian Airlines Garners Quality of Life Award at Orange County Event

Norwegian Airlines was honored with the Orange County Partnership's 2017 Quality of Life award for its foresight in investing at Stewart. Stewart's newest airline has been recognized for its quality services with affordable fare. In fact, they maintain they provide the lowest transatlantic travel costs of any other airline in the world.

Currently, Norwegian offers five non-stop transatlantic destinations out of Stewart, ranging from \$65-\$99 one-way. Director of Communications for Norwegian USA Anders Lindstrom said the flights are going well with passenger numbers growing daily.

"We see a mix of passengers," said Lindstrom. "We see some from the Hudson Valley and a large portion from the Hudson Valley, but we also see a lot of travelers coming from New York City, using the bus that comes here and matches our flights. It's a very great combination of having such a great attachment from here, but also from New York City. We see with the European travelers coming here, it's a mix: it's some business travelers, its recent travelers; some are going specifically to this region because they now have such easy access to it. It's so much more affordable, rather than going to New York City."

Since Norwegian has been operating at Stewart, they have served some 120,000 passengers. Lindstrom predicted they will reach 200,000 passengers by next year. Without letting the cat out of the bag, he said there would be future prospects for expanded service from Stewart "very soon" as they are satisfied with the rate of success they have been having there.

Norwegian received the "Quality of Life Award" from the Orange County Partnership in New York State. This year we launched service to Ireland, Scotland and Norway from New York's Stewart International Airport in New York. We are proud to contribute growth to local businesses and the hospitality industry, who have seen a great boost following our entry into the market. ■



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Delta and Westjet Form Joint Venture

Delta Air Lines and WestJet have agreed to deepen their existing partnership by entering into a comprehensive transborder joint venture that will increase travel choices between the U.S. and Canada.

The airlines have entered into a preliminary memorandum of understanding regarding their intention to deepen their existing partnership to form a commercial joint venture arrangement, which will offer customers access to an extensive transborder route network, world-class airline products, enhanced frequent flyer benefits, shared airport facilities and amenities, and a more seamless travel experience.

Highlights of the planned joint venture arrangement, subject to board approvals, execution of definitive agreements and applicable regulatory approvals, in the United States and Canada, include:

Coordinated flight schedules for new non-stop flights to new destinations, expanded code-sharing, and seamless and convenient connections on the airlines' extensive networks in the U.S. and Canada. Enhanced frequent flyer benefits including reciprocal benefits for top-tier members of both airlines.

"With its strong brand and employee- and customer-centric culture, WestJet is the perfect partner for us in the U.S.-Canada transborder segment and together we will produce great results for our respective employees, customers and investors," said Steve Sear, Delta's President – International and Executive Vice President – Global Sales. "We look forward to applying Delta's experience building successful joint venture partnerships to this important segment of trans-border travel, the second-largest international segment for U.S. travel."

"This agreement will bring heightened competition and an enriched product offering to the trans-border segment, both of which will benefit our guests," said Ed Sims, WestJet Executive Vice-President, Commercial. "This is an important step in WestJet's mission to become a global airline. We are delighted to be working with the premier U.S. carrier, Delta Air Lines, in this joint venture."

Delta has a 25-year track record of partnering closely with airlines around the globe, beginning with the first successful trans-Atlantic partnership, when Northwest and KLM launched their joint venture in 1993. With this



agreement, Delta will have eight partnerships with leading carriers in the world's biggest aviation segments spanning Europe, Latin America, Asia, Australia and Canada.

WestJet, Canada's second-largest airline, currently has 45 airline partners providing access to more than 175 destinations in more than

20 countries. WestJet has also entered into a definitive purchase agreement for 10 Boeing 787-9 Dreamliners with the first aircraft expected to be delivered in January 2019. With one of the youngest fleets in the airline industry, WestJet continues its global growth while controlling operating costs. ■

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LaGuardia Airport, Terminal B – Central Terminal Building (CTB)
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www.laamco.com

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January 10

**JFK CHAMBER OF COMMERCE GENERAL
MONTHLY MEETING**
JFK Airport, Building 14, Jamaica, NY
www.jfkairportchamberofcommerce.org

January 16 - February 16

VAUGHN COLLEGE VIRTUAL CAREER FAIR
Members of the Vaughn College community are able to participate in a monthlong online career fair sponsored by the department of career services.
www.vaughn.edu

January 17

JFK CHAMBER OF COMMERCE LUNCHEON
Russo's on the Bay, Howard Beach, NY
www.jfkairportchamberofcommerce.org

January 24

**APOLLO 8: THE THRILLING STORY OF THE FIRST
MISSION TO THE MOON - LECTURE & BOOK
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Cradle of Aviation Museum, Garden City, NY
www.cradleofaviation.org

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www.kaamco.org

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PA Approves Funding for New EWR Terminal

The Port Authority Board of Commissioners has approved \$496 million for major landside and airside projects, as part of the Terminal A Redevelopment Program at Newark Liberty International Airport; along with an additional \$259 million for two new projects that include new aircraft parking positions and foundation work to accommodate a future AirTrain alignment.

The brand new air terminal, to be known as Terminal One in order to avoid any confusion with the existing Terminal A, and will measure one million square-feet with the ability to house 33 aircraft gates and provide a more efficient road network with additional parking space for approximately 3,000 vehicles.

According to PA Chairman **Kevin O'Toole**: "Newark Liberty Airport is experiencing

unprecedented growth in passenger traffic, up about 7% this year, and on pace to greatly exceed the record 40 million customers in 2016."

The Newark Redevelopment Program, which was approved by the PA Board last March, is projected to create 10,390 jobs, \$998million in wages and \$3.93 billion in regional economic activity.

Some of the landside work authorized with this recent funding includes extensive paving and the milling of existing pavement, building demolition and installation of a new drainage system, the construction of four new bridges, taxi lane lighting and new curbing.

Terminal One is scheduled for a partial opening in 2012, and expected to become fully operational in 2022, at a total cost of \$2.3 billion. It will have the capacity to accommodate



View of Terminal A From the New Parking Garage.

13.6 million passengers a year, and flexibility for future growth and expansion to serve larger aircraft and meet increased passenger demand. The current Terminal A first opened in

1973, was designed to handle 9 million travelers annually. For more information regarding this exciting new project, please visit:

www.panynj.gov/airports/ewr-redevelopment ■

PA Airports Gain Global Recognition for Carbon Reduction

The Port Authority of New York and New Jersey recently received accreditation from Airports Council International (ACI), the only global organization representing airport's standards and policies around the world, in recognition of their efforts to reduce carbon emissions at all five of its area airports: John F. Kennedy International, Newark Liberty, LaGuardia, Stewart International and Teterboro.

The agency also achieved Airport Carbon Accreditation, the only globally recognized environmental standard developed and launched by the ACI in 2009, with the ultimate goal of achieving carbon neutrality and increasing airport sustainability.

With this recognition, the Port Authority has joined a select group of U.S. and international airports that have earned carbon management certification from this prestigious global organization.

While the PA's certification isn't based on any specific projects, it is being recognized for its continuing commitment to sustaining its airport's environments.



Christine Weydig

Christine Weydig, Director of the Port Authority's Office of Environmental and Energy Program said of this accomplishment: "The Port Authority is pleased to join an elite group of airports deploying best-in-class climate strategies worldwide. This recognizes our efforts to manage and reduce carbon emissions at our airports and address the impact of aviation on climate change."

The PA has a full range of plans to make airport operation environmentally sound and in accordance with Airport Council International-North America's codex known as EONS; which stands for:

- Economic viability
- Operational efficiency
- Natural resource conservation
- Social responsibility

A full text of the Port Authority's sustainability policy can be found at: www.panynj.gov/about/pdf/pa-sustainability-policy.pdf ■



SWF Sees Increased Ridership in 2017

The numbers are in. And Stewart International Airport has seen a steady rise in its passenger volume since Norwegian Air launched its overseas service in June both to and from favorite European cities like Edinburgh, Scotland; Dublin and Shannon, Ireland; Belfast, Northern Ireland; and Bergen, Norway.

According to Stewart's Business Development Director **Michael Torelli**, the passenger volume in September 2017, was at 45,667, marking an increase of 89% from September of the previous year, and passenger volume in October 2017, was at 51,967 — that's up an astounding 117% from October 2016.

All in all, from the beginning of this year through the end of October, the airport has handled a total of 356,714 passengers; which represents a 53% increase over the same time last year. And there is every reason to expect that 2017 may well exceed 400,000.

The Port Authority of New York and New Jersey has operated Stewart International Airport since 2007, and has invested around \$180 million in the last decade to improve its terminal and rehabilitate its two runways.

In addition to Norwegian Air, American Airlines, Delta, JetBlue, and Allegiant Air, which recently increased its roster to U.S. cities to include Orlando and Fort Myers / St. Pete, also offer regularly scheduled flights from Stewart. ■



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