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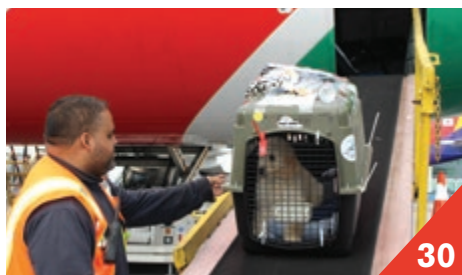
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A vintage commercial airplane embarked on a long, slow journey from Maine to New York where it will be turned into a cocktail lounge.

The long trip of the Lockheed Constellation, known as the “Connie,” kicked off Monday, October 7th at a send-off event Auburn-Lewiston Airport in Maine. The plane then departed Tuesday morning and made its way over the next several days to New York on a tow truck.

Decorated in authentic TWA livery, our Connie — whose fleet once served as Air Force One for President Dwight D. Eisenhower and broke the record for fastest nonstop trip from Burbank to New York with former TWA owner Howard Hughes at the helm in 1946 — deserves a victory lap before welcoming hotel guests into her cockpit. So, as with all things related to the TWA Hotel project, we looked to TWA's rich history for inspiration.

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Tyler Moss, TWA Hotel CEO went to Maine to supervise the reinstallation of the Connie



EWR Celebrates Past, Present and Future With Ceremonial Groundbreaking

Newark Airport which opened on October 1, 1928, was known as the first major airport in the New York-New Jersey metropolitan area. Newark was the first airport in the country with paved runways and an air traffic control tower, and the second with a terminal building. After 9/11, the airport was renamed Newark Liberty International Airport to honor those who lost their lives in the terrorist attacks.

Construction of the one-million-square-foot terminal is centerpiece of Newark Liberty's \$2.7 billion modernization and redevelopment, and the project is expected to generate more than \$4.6 billion in regional economic activity, create more than 23,000 jobs and nearly \$1.9 billion in wages.

Construction will take place in phases, with partial operations resuming with 21 completed gates by 2021. By 2022, the new building will be

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Port Authority Chairman Kevin O'Toole, NJ's Senate President Steve Sweeney and other officials do the groundbreaking ceremony at the site of new Terminal One in Newark Liberty International Airport.



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Once in New York, the L-1649A Starliner will serve as the cocktail lounge outside TWA Hotel, a hotel that promises to bring back “the magic of the Jet Age.”

A spokeswoman for TWA Hotel says the plane, built in 1956 and in service starting 1958, does not fly anymore. Hundreds of Constellations were produced by Lockheed in the 1940s and 1950s. But only 44 Starliners were built.

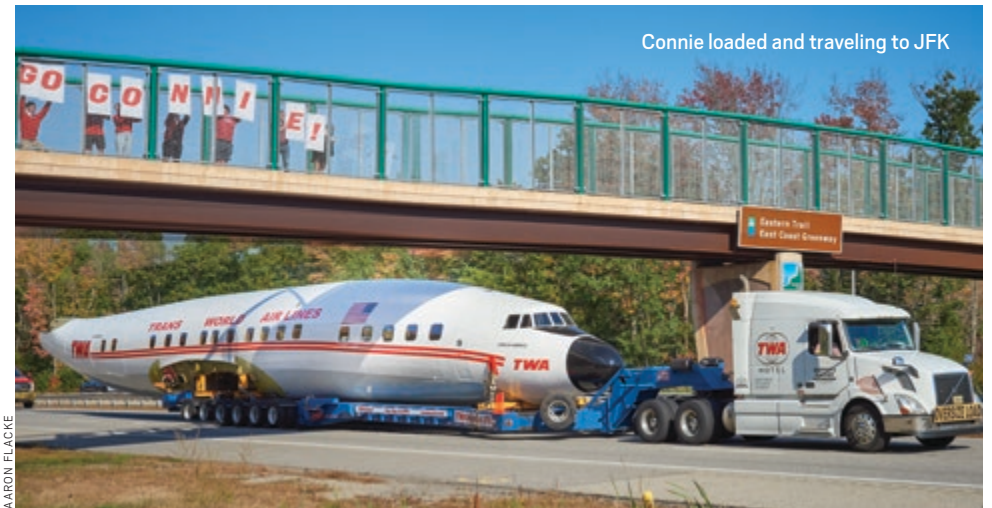
The plane flew for Trans World Airlines for three years before flying around the Alaskan wilderness as a bush pilot plane, said Tyler Morse, CEO of New York-based hotel owner and operator MCR and Morse Development. Morse's company is building TWA Hotel.

By the 1970s, the plane had become a drug-running plane in South America. “It had giant cargo doors to fly pallets of marijuana around South America,” Morse said.

The plane was later abandoned in Honduras and brought to Florida in the 80s. An aircraft enthusiast had it flown out to Maine with hopes of restoring it, but ran out of money.

The plane, one of four of its kind still in the world, sat at the tarmac for years, Morse said.

A decade ago, German airline Lufthansa



AARON FLACKE

Technik bought the enthusiast's three vintage planes with the hopes of restoring one. This year, Lufthansa ended up dismantling that restoration project and announced it would move one of the planes to Germany to finish restoration work.

Now, the other plane long stored in Auburn is also set for a new adventure.

The plane will be towed on a flatbed over 300 miles down I-95 while accompanied by a lengthy convoy, Morse said. It'll reach speeds of up to 50 miles per hour on the highway and as low as a few miles an hour for sharp turn.

The rare airliner will end up inside the New York airport, Terminal 5. ■



ERIK BLISS

EWR Celebrates Past, Present and Future With Ceremonial Groundbreaking

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fully open with 12 more gates available and a pedestrian bridge for AirTrain Newark riders to access the terminal.

Port Authority leaders and numerous elected officials celebrated Newark Liberty International Airport's (EWR) rich 90-year history today by turning their sights to the future, highlighting the development of the airport's new Terminal One. The new facility will provide a world-class experience for fliers with the replacement of the outdated Terminal A.

Port Authority Chairman Kevin O'Toole and Executive Director Rick Cotton, joined by state and local officeholders that included Senate President Steve Sweeney and Assembly Speaker Craig Coughlin at the site of the terminal construction at Newark Liberty, praised the project as a vital Port Authority investment in the state and region's economy and transportation infrastructure. The current Terminal A, which opened in 1973, was designed with a maximum capacity of nine million passengers a year. It served more than 11 million fliers

in 2017 and is functionally obsolete.

Terminal One, in its initial year of full operation by 2022, will be able to accommodate 13.6 million passengers on three levels – with the potential for further expansion – and will feature 33 common-use gates to handle larger aircraft within one million square feet of terminal space, as well as state-of-the-art check-in, security and baggage claim areas.

This project will mean tens of thousands of high-paying construction jobs and a boost to

the Garden State's long-term economy,” said NJ Senate President Steve Sweeney.

Work on Terminal One will be phased to minimize customer inconvenience. Airside improvements for planes entering and exiting gates at the new Terminal One are also in the plans, including a new aeronautical taxi-lane network to increase efficiency in operations. Addition of dual taxi-lanes, a project to be done in conjunction with the terminal work, also will help get planes to and from gates faster. ■



Exterior, Frontage Roadway Network

JFK To Get Two New Terminals

Vision Plan determines that Terminal One Group and JetBlue take lead position in development of multi-airline terminals

Two new international terminals will be built at John F. Kennedy International Airport (JFK) in a mostly privately financed project that will modernize and expand the aging facility according to New York Governor Andrew Cuomo. The announcement adds details to the project that was originally announced in the governor's 2017 JFK Vision Plan.

The plan calls for a transformation of JFK with two new world-class international terminal complexes on the airport's north and south sides. The governor's office said the project will result in a "unified and interconnected airport system with best-in-class passenger amenities, centralized ground transportation options and vastly improved roadways that collectively will increase the airport's capacity by at least 15 million passengers a year."

Of the \$13 billion, \$12 billion for the project will come from private sources, mainly airlines. The south side terminal will be developed by the Terminal One Group, a consortium of four international airlines: Lufthansa, Air France, Japan Airlines and Korean Air Lines. It will be operated by Munich Airport International. The north side terminal will be

developed by JetBlue. The Port Authority of New York and New Jersey, which operates JFK, will invest \$1 billion in the project.

The new south side terminal will contain at least 24 security screening lanes; more than 230,000 square feet of retail, dining and other concessions; 116,000 square feet of airline lounges; and 55,000 square feet of interior green space, children's play areas and cultural exhibits. The complex will be operated by Munich Airport International and also be connected to the existing Terminal 4, which initially opened in 2001 and has been expanded twice since then, most recently in 2013.

On the airport's north side, the proposed new \$3 billion, 1.2-million-square-foot terminal will be developed by JetBlue. JetBlue plans to demolish functionally obsolete Terminal 7 and combine it with the vacant space where Terminal 6 was demolished in 2011 to create a world-class international terminal complex. The complex will be connected to the airline's existing Terminal 5 and be occupied by the airline and its various partners currently spread throughout the airport. Terminal 5 opened in 2008 and is the newest of JFK's current six terminals.



Gov. Cuomo, joined by Rick Cotton, Executive Director of the PANYNJ and Steven Rubenstein, the President of ABNY, outlined the groundwork for a brand new transformed JFK Airport.

The JFK Vision Plan, initially unveiled in January 2017 and based on recommendations from the Governor's Airport Advisory Panel, calls for an overhaul of the airport's hodgepodge of eight disparate terminal sites into one unified JFK Airport by demolishing old terminals, utilizing vacant space, and modernizing on-airport infrastructure, while incorporating the latest in passenger amenities and technological innovations.

The Vision Plan also calls for increasing the

number and size of gates, improving parking availability, an array of airside taxiway improvements to allow for bigger planes and reduced gate congestion, upgrading the AirTrain JFK system to handle increased passenger capacity, and enhanced roadways on and off the airport.

Beginning late last year, a team led by Mott MacDonald and Grimshaw Architects sought proposals from JFK's existing six terminal operators. The proposals were evaluated by a formal comparative analysis team. ■



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Cradle of Aviation VIP Opening Night for “Space, A Journey to Our Future”

The Cradle of Aviation, in Garden City, NY, held a special preview night on October 2, 2018 as a part of it's "Countdown to Apollo at 50" event. The Cradle's newest exhibit "Space. A Journey to Our Future", in collaboration with NASA, takes a look at the history of the space program and features a totally immersive experience that takes one "from the dawn of man's earliest visions of space exploration to the achievements of the past, the unfolding discoveries of today, and the frontiers of the universe that lie ahead."



Andrew Parton, President, Cradle of Aviation Museum, addresses the invited guests at the VIP opening night.

The exhibits included some never before seen artifacts from the Apollo Space Program and featured a new "Journey To Space" film in the Jet-Blue planetarium. The film in a powerful virtual reality format, narrated by Sir Patrick Stewart, gives a sweeping overview of past space accomplishments, current activities and future plans, will take your breath away with its shots of Shuttle launches, unique views of earth and operations in Space. It also puts to rest the perception that the space program died with the end of the Shuttle Program. To Mars next! Don't wait to see this film and the exhibit soon.

Visit www.cradleofaviation.org for more information.

Bruce Abbate Presents to Board of International Facility Managers In North Carolina

On October 2nd Bruce Abbate, treasurer of the JFK Chamber of Commerce, met with the board of the International Facility Managers Association Airport Council at their annual meeting in Charlotte NC.

Mr. Abbate was an invited guest to present to airports from around the country and internationally how the JFK Chamber of Commerce operates and benefits all of the members of the airport community, including the relationships with the Port Authority, the airlines and vendors. Mr. Abbate discussed with the Airport Council members in attendance the esteemed JFK Chamber of Commerce founding and history.

The Airport Council was particularly interested in how the JFK Chamber members mentored newer members and about the resources the Chamber provides to the community. Bruce explained the charitable mission of the JFK Chamber and discussed the recent 9/11 commemoration ceremony. As a takeaway from the meeting Mr. Abbate will brief the JFK Chamber members on the benefits of an ongoing relationship with the IFMA Airport Council and hopes to get the Council Board to schedule a meeting at JFK in the future.

"It was interesting to me how fascinated the board members were about how the chamber interacts with JFK Airport and the value that it brings." ■



Airport Council President Stuart Mathews from Seattle Tacoma Airport accepting a JFK Chamber polo shirt from Bruce Abbate and Mark Arbogast.



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Free High-Speed Passenger Wi-Fi Available at NY Airports

The Port Authority recently announced that high-speed Wi-Fi will be available to passengers. This allows passengers to easily stream, download and browse internet throughout airports during unlimited free sessions

In a major improvement from past practice, Port Authority airports will now provide passengers with free, unlimited access to high-speed Wi-Fi. The airports newly providing access to free

high-speed Wi-Fi are John F. Kennedy International (JFK), Newark Liberty International (EWR), LaGuardia (LGA) and New York Stewart International (SWF) airports – part of the Port Authority’s ongoing and renewed commitment to improved customer service and amenities for air travelers at a time when the airports continue to experience record passenger volumes.

The new high-speed Wi-Fi service offers faster speeds – a

minimum of 20 megabits per second (Mbps) and up to 50 Mbps – and now available with easy two-click access. Passengers will be able to enjoy unlimited four-hour sessions of free high-speed Wi-Fi access.

“The Port Authority has a goal to develop world-class airports and operate them at the highest level of service and quality,” said Port Authority Chairman Kevin O’Toole. “With trending passenger growth across our airports, connecting to a free Wi-Fi network is not just an enhancement in customer service, but also an improvement in efficiency for our business and leisure travelers.”

“While the unprecedented rebuilding of our region’s airports is a multi-year effort, passengers shouldn’t have to wait for better Wi-Fi,” said Port Authority Executive Director Rick Cotton. “Simply put, free, reliable, high-speed Wi-Fi has become a bed-rock expectation for today’s customers. This step represents one of many that will seek to lift NY & NJ airports from the bottom rung of customer experience surveys up the curve toward greatly improved levels of customer service.”

“Whether you’re looking to stream Netflix, conduct an important video conference call, or simply download a large file before you board your flight, our testing consistently showed speeds that will comfortably allow for that,” said Robert Galvin, the Port Authority’s Chief Technology Officer.

“As we enter the peak holiday travel season, in which we anticipate 7.5 million passengers to pass through our airports, it’s imperative that they have easy access to fast, high-speed Wi-Fi that will elevate their airport experience,” said Port Authority Aviation Director Huntley Lawrence. ■



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Our Lady of the Skies 2018 Annual Luncheon

Our Lady of the Skies annual luncheon on October 25, 2018, was held at the Cradle of Aviation in Garden City, a wonderfully appropriate venue for the event.

Opening remarks by Al De Phillips credited the success of Our Lady of the Skies chapel to the strong leadership of its chaplains through the years, and thanked the three who were present, Father James Devine, Father Joe Walker and Father Chris Piazza.

The first honoree, Tyler Morse, CEO and managing partner of MCR, began his remarks by speaking about the history of the luncheon, begun in the 40's, and the Catholic chapel at JFK from its beginnings in 1955 to the present, and the important role it plays in the airport community. Mr. Morse, who is responsible for building the TWA Hotel and restoring the iconic TWA Flight Center, spoke of the challenges in bringing back history to 1962, when the terminal, built by Howard Hughes, who wanted it to be the greatest airplane terminal the world had ever seen, regardless of cost or specifications, was completed. Mr. Morse, a man of many accomplishments, is dedicated to bringing back some of the glamour and excitement of the 60's when Idlewild Airport was renamed JFK and became an "international Gateway City."

Klaudia Fitzgerald, 2018 Honoree, is the Manager Landside Operations, Terminal One Group Association. She spoke of the challenges she faced starting as a 13 year old immigrant who spoke no English, and credited her mother, who worked several jobs at once for helping her accomplish her dream of a college degree. Ms. Fitzgerald began her airline career in 1998 with Lufthansa as a passenger service agent and then a Singapore Airlines supervisor while attending college. In 2002 Klaudia earned her Bachelors of Business Administration degree and joined Terminal One in 2003.

At Terminal One, Ms. Fitzgerald held various managerial positions until 2011 when she was promoted from Duty Manager to her current position, Manager Landside Operations.

2018 Honoree, Bishop Raymond Chappetto, is the Vicar General of the Diocese of Brooklyn. After being ordained on May 29, 1971 by Bishop Francis Mugavero, he has had a long career in various parishes in Brooklyn, Rockaway Beach, Queens, and Canarsie. Bishop Chappetto holds a Master's of Divinity, as well as a Master of Arts in Religious Education from St. John's University. and was named a Prelate of Honor by Blessed John Paul in 1997. In May of 2012, Bishop Chappetto was appointed by Pope Benedict XVI as Auxiliary Bishop of the Diocese of Brooklyn and ordained to the Episcopacy in July 11, 2012. In September of 2013 he was appointed to his current position as Vicar General of the Diocese of Brooklyn.

At the luncheon, the, Yolande De Phillips Memorial Scholarship was awarded to two deserving students, Genesis Milleni Azor and Alexis Nicole Groark.

Congratulations to all the 2018 Our Lady of the Skies Honorees! **ROBERTA DUNN**
To view photos of the event, go to www.flickr.com/photos/metroairportnews/





The Columbia Associations of U.S. Customs Annual Italian Heritage Day

The Columbia Associations of U.S. Customs and Affiliated Federal Agencies held their 22nd annual Italian Heritage Day at Russo's on the Bay. The event honored

Patrick Orender Assistant Port Director, Tactical/Trade President Dulles International Airport U.S. Customs & Border Protection; Joseph Clabby President JFK International Airport Chamber of Commerce and CEO Corporate Loss Prevention Associates; Debbie Carriero Branch Chief - Office of Trade Washington, DC U.S. Customs & Border Protection

The event was well attended and hosted by Phil Maddalena, President of the Columbia Association. It was a really fun afternoon of great food, dancing and camaraderie.

For more information about the Columbia Association and the great work they do for the community, go to www.columbiaassnusc.org ■



Queens Chamber of Commerce Business Person of the Year

The Queens Chamber of Commerce held their annual 2018 Business Person of the Year event at Terrace on the Park. The honorees were selected for their hard work, street smarts and how they give back the community.

The event was well attended with all invited enjoying the beautiful Terrace on the Park and the company of friends, family and colleagues from this great Queens community. ■

Joanna Geraghty Featured Speaker at JFK Chamber of Commerce Luncheon

The JFK Chamber of Commerce held a luncheon at Russo's on the Bay on October 10, 2018, featuring Joanna Geraghty, the new President of JetBlue as speaker. Ms. Geraghty opted for a fire-side chat format, with James Groark, Cathay Pacific, as interviewer, and later questions were taken from the audience.

Ms. Geraghty spoke of the many products and services that set JetBlue apart from the other carriers; more leg room, free snacks and free wi-fi, as well as the success of their Mint program, a coast to coast premium class with lie-flat seats. JetBlue is the only low-cost carrier in the US to offer a dedicated premium product.

As evidenced, Ms. Geraghty's airline background in customer service clearly shows. She emphasized that JetBlue, which positions itself between the legacy and low-cost airlines, offers passengers more than travel as a commodity, but travel as a favorable experience with dedicated employees offering exceptional service. When asked about competition, specifically from David Neeleman's "Moxy" startup, Ms. Geraghty emphasized that she welcomed competition and saw it being better for consumers and the general public, contrary to the popular belief.

One of the questions everyone had in mind was the possibility of JetBlue flying to Europe. Ms. Geraghty said their new A321 aircraft had the capability and it was something that is in discussion based on numerous factors.

In conclusion, Ms. Geraghty brought the large contingent of JetBlue team members on stage and thanked them for making the JetBlue experience a success. Joanna Geraghty is President and COO of JetBlue, and is responsible for JetBlue's operations and commercial performance including network, brand and marketing and revenue management. **ROBERTA DUNN**





Sonia Saleh, President of JFK Rotary receives a gift from visiting Swedish Rotarian.

The JFK Rotary Hosts Fellow Rotarians From Sweden and PALS

The JFK Rotary Club held their monthly dinner meeting on October 2nd at the Crowne Plaza JFK. While it was there regular monthly meeting, it was a special one to be at. Some of the JFK Rotary Club members were just finishing up a 10-day visit with fellow Rotarians from Sweden as part of the International Travel and Hosting Fellowship. The program enriches the lives of Rotarians and their love of travel by connecting them with a host family, fellow Rotary members, at their travel destination. We have several JFK Rotary members who have hosted at their homes in New York as well as have been hosted in other countries.

In addition to the amazing stories being shared by our Swedish guests, the JFK Rotary was proud to have Jackie Pecora from PALS (Patient Airlift Services) attend the meeting to accept a donation made possible by the proceeds from the JFK Rotary Ladies Golf and Spa event held in July.

The JFK Rotary does so much locally and internationally. If you would like more information about the work that the JFK Rotary does or how to become a member, contact Frank McIntyre fm-cint5972@aol.com,

Join them on November 6 as they thank Ted Walters of JetBlue for his support, and also recognizing long-standing members of the JFK Rotary. ■



Jackie Pecora (PALS) with Dolores Hofman (ASDO)

JetBlue's Swing for Good Raises Funds For Youth Focused Non-Profits

JetBlue's Tenth Annual 'Swing for Good' Golf Classic and Fundraising Campaign to Raise Much Needed Funds for Three Youth-Focused Non-Profits

JetBlue's Tenth Annual 'Swing for Good' Golf Classic and Fundraising Campaign to Raise Much Needed Funds for Three Youth-Focused Non-Profits Feeding Children Everywhere, Together We Rise and the JetBlue Foundation

JetBlue launched its tenth annual Swing for Good Golf Classic and fundraising campaign at Bethpage State Golf Course in Bethpage, N.Y. Since its inception in 2008, JetBlue's Swing for Good initiative has raised more than \$6.1 million for a variety of youth and education focused charitable organizations.

Under the JetBlue For Good umbrella, JetBlue's platform for social impact and corporate responsibility, the Swing for Good campaign includes the JetBlue Bid For Good online auction which features one-of-a-kind opportunities and experiences with proceeds that benefit non-profit recipients – Feeding Children Everywhere, Together We Rise, and The JetBlue Foundation.

"Swing for Good is one of my favorite events as we work together with our business partners, customers and crewmembers to raise awareness and funds for non-profits helping the next generation and most vulnerable," said Robin Hayes, JetBlue's chief executive officer. "Aligned with our mission of inspiring humanity, our dedication to the communities we serve goes beyond one day on the golf course. The funds raised will provide services for years to come." ■



Viva Aerobus, Launches Daily New York-Mexico City Flights

In a media event at the Consulate General of Mexico in New York, Viva Aerobus celebrated the start of its route Mexico City - New York, a new strategic bridge that accentuates the accessibility between both cities. The inaugural ceremony was led by Diego Gómez Pickering, Consul General of Mexico in New York; Alfonso Sumano, Executive Director of Mexico's Tourism Board; Huntley Lawrence, Director of Aviation at the Port Authority of New York & New Jersey; and Juan Carlos Zuazua, CEO of Viva Aerobus. They recognized the incentive to connectivity, tourism and business represented by this new route. The Consul Diego Gomez Pickering mentioned that the arrival of Viva Aerobus to New York is a stimulus to the commercial and tourist relations between Mexico and the United States. "We are confident that this new route will become a catalyst for the increase of US visitors to Mexico and vice versa," he said.

The route has a daily frequency, offering more than 135 thousand seats in the first year of operation, and with ticket prices starting from USD\$100 dollars. This connection is another step in the sustained expansion of Viva Aerobus, based on its commitment to offer low prices in order to make possible for more people to fly to a greater number of destinations.

"We are delighted to have Viva Aerobus expand its service to John F. Kennedy International Airport, adding affordable, convenient, non-stop flights from Mexico City", said Huntley Lawrence, Director of Aviation at the Port Authority of New York & New Jersey. "This new route is key to our continued business with the airline and we look forward to ensuring even greater connectivity for the people of Mexico", he added. ■

Aviation Pros Selects Two New York Airport Leaders As Award Winners

The aviation industry in the New York area is blessed with very talented people, two of whom were just selected to be part of the 40/40 group. They are on the prestigious list for 2018 curated by *Aviation Pros* magazine. The list is comprised of 40 industry managers and executives who are under 40 years old and have achieved recognition for being considered top talent and leading thinkers in the aviation industry. The people on this list are ones that are building success today and innovations for the future. Candidates for 2018 were vetted on innovation, outstanding attributes and commitment and involvement in the industry. Dan Fordyce works for the Hudson Group at JFK Airport's Terminal 4 and Ali Istchenko is an engineer who works for LaGuardia Gateway Partners at LaGuardia Airport. They are not only representing the companies



they work for, but are also representing the entire airport community in the New York area.

Daniel Fordyce

A graduate of State University of New York at Westbury, Daniel Fordyce, Hudson Group's general manager of operations at JFK Terminal 4, truly embodies the Hudson motto of being "The Traveler's Best Friend," according to his nomination form. "Dan exhibits all the traits that one would look for in an operations leader. He is driven, hard-working, personable, a natural leader, strong negotiator, and excellent communicator," it said.

Fordyce says the best part about his job is that he gets to come to an airport every day. I've been fascinated with planes since I was a kid. So, to be surrounded by planes, flight crews and passengers makes for a fun and unique environment," he said. "My team has a direct impact on the passenger experience every day. We strive to be the Traveler's Best Friend by reducing the stress that comes with air travel."

There wasn't one specific experience that led Fordyce into aviation. "I've been fortunate to

be involved in many parts of Hudson's business from facility projects to IT programs," he said. "My exposure to different areas of Hudson's operations are helpful because it helps me understand the business and be successful."

One big project Fordyce worked on while at Hudson that he's particularly proud of is the construction of Hudson's central distribution center in 2015. "It's a 35,000 square-foot facility that serves LaGuardia, JFK and two other facilities in New York City," he said. "I spent six months on that facility helping develop operational processes and establishing best practices. Looking at the operation now, it works smoothly and it's a big success. Knowing I was a part of it was pretty special."

Ali Istchenko

A graduate of the University of Toronto, Ali Istchenko started her career at Vancouver Airport Authority (VAA), where she worked her way up to become a project engineer. Her last role with VAA was as building systems coordinator for a project to decommission and replace the 1968-era portion of the domestic terminal building with eight new gates and an expanded security checkpoint.

In 2015 Istchenko joined Vantage Airport Group, founded by VAA in 2004. From Vancouver, she was seconded to LaGuardia Gateway Partners (LGP) in New York to support the capture phase of the massive LaGuardia Central Terminal Replacement Project.

"The last project I worked on [at Vancouver] had a lot of similarities to the [LaGuardia] Terminal B Redevelopment, with phased demolition, new construction and high standards for operations and passenger experience in the terminal areas surrounding the construction work," said Istchenko. "It was a huge leap to move from Vancouver to New York and to step into a project this large and complex, but it has been an incredibly rewarding experience."

Istchenko said she enjoys working with incredibly talented designers, operators, builders and business managers who all have a common goal of bringing this new terminal to life.

JOSEPH ALBA



DHS Funds Airport Navigation App That Guides You from Check-in to Gate

It also allows federal agencies to send messages to passengers in real time.

The Homeland Security Department is investing in technology that helps air travelers navigate airport security and gives federal agents a direct line of communication with passengers.

The agency's Science and Technology Directorate awarded a nearly \$120,000 contract to Locus Labs to adapt their airport navigation application for Transportation Security Administration and U.S. Customs and Border Protection.

The smartphone app would give passengers real-time location information and guide them from curb to gate using Google Maps-style directions. It would also let agencies immediately get in touch with everyone at the airport.

"This platform becomes a basis for a whole segment of smart building applications, like visitor wayfinding, asset tracking [and] staff dispatch," said Locus Labs CEO and co-founder Campbell Kennedy told Nextgov. Instead of relying on physical signs and personnel to direct passengers, CBP and TSA can use the app to communicate through maps and personalized push notifications, he said.

The system would also help manage the flow of traffic through each segment of the airport.

Wait times at security and customs checkpoints are notoriously inconsistent, so planning for air travel requires a decent amount of guesswork, Kennedy said. But by analyzing GPS information and data feeds from Homeland Security, the app can calculate accurate wait times and point travelers to the fastest lanes to prevent them from clogging certain areas, he said.

The tool will also provide handicap-accessible routes and details on airport restaurants and shops, said Kennedy. And if it looks like you might miss your flight, it'll even let you know to pick up the pace, he added.

The award came through the Homeland Security's Silicon Valley Innovation Program, an in-house startup incubator that invests in technologies with national security applications. Kennedy said the company will spend roughly six months building a working prototype with CBP and TSA, and then launch a pilot program at Seattle-Tacoma International Airport.

Separately, Locus Labs is also piloting an augmented reality navigation tool at Dallas-Fort Worth International Airport and London's Heathrow Airport, according to Kennedy. By tapping into people's smartphone cameras, the app would overlay directions and other helpful information directly their screens, he said. ■



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CAO Job Fair

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Green Chip Opens Astoria’s First Year-round e-Waste Drop-off Facility

New facility offers free public electronic drop-off to the public

GreenChip Ewaste & ITAD Solutions is excited to announce their expansion with the opening of a 2nd electronics recycling facility in the heart of Astoria, Queens. Along with their existing Brooklyn-based facility, this new facility will give GreenChip the ability to better serve corporate and residential customers in New York City and the Tri-State Area.

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The new Astoria-based facility will give GreenChip the means to double its processing capacity, strengthening its scope of service nationwide, while maintaining its unique closed-loop advantage. This ensures that all processing is done in the safest and most secure manner possible, with extensive downstream material tracking.

In addition to GreenChip’s commitment to industry-leading processing, this new facility will be the first ever in Astoria to offer a year-round electronic waste drop-off service. Bolstering their continued commitment to New York City’s future, this new facility will give New York residents a place to safely and securely dispose of their electronic waste free of charge.

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JFK Airport's Terminal 4 Partners With Crowdvision to Enhance Passenger Experience

The passenger flow management solution will optimize operations, mitigate congestion, and forecast the deployment of additional staff for more than 21 million annual passengers

Terminal 4 at John F. Kennedy International Airport – one of the world's most active air terminals – announced a partnership with CrowdVision, an industry-leading passenger measurement and analytics solution, to optimize operations, layouts, and processes throughout the terminal.

The technology, set to be largely deployed by the end of 2018, will continue to improve the passenger experience for the more than 21 million passengers who pass through Terminal 4 each year. It will be installed at three different locations throughout Terminal 4: curbside, so that action can be taken to manage passenger and vehicles arrival congestion; in the Departures Area, to ensure the check-in desks of airlines and other partners are staffed to provide service to passengers; and at security checkpoints, to measure and expedite wait times in the general and TSA Pre-check lines and during the ticket checking and security screening processes.



The technology is a combination of the CrowdVision measurement solution and Copenhagen Optimization's Better Airport modeling product, which work in tandem to provide live data, operational insights and forecasting, and planning tools which allow decision-makers to optimize, analyze, and improve operations for superior passenger management.

Once Better Airport's insights are implemented by Terminal 4's staff, retail partners and security personnel, CrowdVision is essential in evaluating the software's modeling performance. CrowdVision measures whether the forecasts are reflected in passenger activity, if resource planning has been properly executed, and what factors contribute to potential

discrepancies between predicted and actual passenger activity and operational needs.

"We are proud to partner with CrowdVision to enhance the passenger experience and remain at the forefront of the industry by employing the latest technology and innovation," said Roel Huinink, President and CEO of JFKIAT, the company which operates Terminal 4. "With passenger counts continuing to soar, the capabilities provided by the CrowdVision solution will allow us to accommodate the rising volume in the most efficient and proactive way possible."

CrowdVision's Founder and Chief Executive Officer, Fiona Strens, said "Terminal 4 is a very exciting new customer for CrowdVision. The vision and quality of its leadership team are exceptional and we look forward to collaborating to optimize the terminal for passenger experience, operational efficiency and shareholder value. We're also committed to working with excellent partners, including Copenhagen Optimization with their Better Airport products, to ensure that CrowdVision data and insights translate into better forecasts, plans and practical outcomes."

This relationship will be all about collaboration and innovation to deliver serious and sustainable impact." ■

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TSA Unveils Plans To Adopt Biometric Security ID Systems

Someday soon you may not have to show a driver's license or passport at the airport security lane in the U.S. The Transportation Security Administration unveiled a multistep plan to make increased use of facial recognition and other biometric identification tools to improve accuracy and speed wait times.

TSA, which has tested biometric systems in Los Angeles and Atlanta, will start using the technology on international travelers entering and leaving the U.S. and then expand to tests on domestic



passengers enrolled in the agency's PreCheck program, according to a 23-page report outlining TSA's plans. "With the threat to aviation evolving every day, developing the next generation of security technology with our industry partners is critically important," TSA Administrator David Pekoske said in a press release.

TSA is following on the heels of Customs and Border Protection, which is boosting its use of facial recognition for people entering the

U.S. Airline passengers must show proof of identification before entering a TSA screening lane along with their boarding pass. This allows TSA to check names against terrorist watch lists and verify identities of passengers.

Using facial-recognition software or fingerprints would replace those manual checks and are seen as less prone to fraud. The technology is also being evaluated by airlines, such as Delta Air Lines Inc., which announced in September it is building a biometric terminal in Atlanta so passengers can check in for flights without having traditional IDs.

The TSA hasn't proposed widespread facial recognition scans of crowds at airports. The agency is also taking steps to protect people's privacy and won't allow use of the data for purposes other than its mission unless individuals consent, the agency said in its road map. ■



Singapore Airlines Relaunched The Longest Flight In The World

Connecting Newark Liberty International Airport
With Its Home Base At Changi Airport In Singapore

The title for the world's longest commercial flight will be reclaimed by Singapore Airlines as it relaunched its Singapore to New York route. The 9,534-mile route was cancelled five years ago due to rising oil costs.

Taking up to 18 hours and 25 minutes to reach New York from Singapore, the three-times-weekly flight overtakes Qatar Airways' Doha to Auckland route as the world's longest in terms of distance. This record-breaking service isn't cheap: a return flight in premium economy starts from \$1,500 per person; while a business class return fare starts from around \$4,800. Previously, passengers from Singapore had to fly to New York via Frankfurt.

The new flight - SQ22 - with a new Airbus A350-900ULR, takes off from Changi Airport late evening local time. Nearly 18 hours later, at 5:30 a.m. ET on the next day, the flight arrives in Newark. Flight SQ22 marked the first nonstop flight between the Lion City and the Big Apple since 2013, when Singapore Airlines pulled the plug on the service. At the time Singapore used Airbus A340-500s on the route.

While it has exceptional range and capability, the A340-500 was a relic of the 1990s, and the thirst of its four engines proved too uneconomical to sustain. Even a shift to an all-business-class layout couldn't generate enough income to save the route. So, in 2013, the airline canceled the service and returned the A340-500 fleet to Airbus. Fast-forward five years, and things are quite different. Singapore is the proud owner of a fleet of new Airbus A350-900ULR jets — ULR stands for ultra-long-range — representing the latest in commercial aviation.

The carbon-composite A350's pair of massive Rolls-Royce Trent XWB turbofan engines team up with the plane's sleek wing design to deliver a 25% reduction in fuel consumption over the aircraft it replaced, the company says. In ULR specs, Airbus managed to fit an extra 6,300 gallons of fuel into the A350's tanks, pushing the range up to more than 11,000 miles.

Singapore Airlines Flight SQ21 to Singapore operates out of Terminal B at Newark Liberty International Airport. ■

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United Airlines Unveils World's Largest and Industry-Leading Flight Training Center

United Airlines unveiled its state-of-the-art flight training center in Denver, Colorado. The single-site training center is the largest in the world and home to the company's more than 30 full flight simulators representing all of United's fleet types.

The flight training center is visited by United's more than 12,000 pilots at least once a year for new and recurrent training and is also the largest single-site training facility for other airline pilots. More than two dozen other airlines and government agencies send their personnel to train at the industry-leading facility. In addition to pilot training, the facility hosts flight attendants and maintenance technicians for emergency training and other activities.



"This state-of-the-art flight training center symbolizes the investments we're making in our people and our company, both in Denver and throughout our network," said Oscar Munoz, CEO of United Airlines. "In addition to providing industry-leading training for our pilots, flight attendants and other vital work groups, this facility will become a thriving center where we foster the professional culture, commitment to safety and dedication to customer service that's at the heart of the United success story we are seeing take shape."

United has been training pilots in Denver since 1943. The current campus first opened in 1968 with four buildings, expanded in 1992 with a fifth building and expanded again in 1997 with the addition of a sixth building. In 2015, the company made the decision to consolidate its flight training centers in Denver, kicking off the renovation and nearly doubling the number of flight simulators at the facility. United recently broke ground on a seventh building, which will bring the campus to nearly 540,000 square feet including eight more full flight simulator bays. ■

JFK Airport's Terminal 4 Partners With Vaughn College for Girls In Aviation Day

The event empowered young women to pursue their dreams and a career in the aviation industry

Terminal 4 at John F. Kennedy International Airport – one of the world's most active air terminals – hosted its third annual Girls in Aviation Day in partnership with Vaughn College.

Terminal 4 held a panel discussion with aviation industry experts from leading companies for the students. Panelists included representatives from JFKIAT – the company which operates Terminal 4, the Transportation Security Administration (TSA), the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), and a number of airline partners, including Swiss International Airlines, Etihad Airways, and JetBlue Airlines. Following the panel, attendees received a tour of an aircraft, the FAA tower, and aircraft rescue & firefighting operations.

"We are proud to host such an extraordinary event and empower young women from our community to pursue career possibilities in the aviation industry," said Susana Cunha, Vice President of Operations for JFKIAT. "In partnership with Vaughn College, this annual event showcases successful women in the field and gives students the opportunity to network and appreciate that they can pursue challenging and fulfilling careers."

Girls in Aviation Day is an international event hosted by Women in Aviation Chapters throughout the world. This program provides young women – ages 8 to 17 – an opportunity to interact with industry experts. Women in Aviation is a nonprofit organization which seeks to encourage and educate women on all aviation career fields and interest.

Terminal 4 is invested in helping New York City community members achieve their educational and professional goals. In addition to hosting Vaughn College's Girls in Aviation Day, Terminal 4 offers paid internship opportunities, volunteer initiatives through PROJECT: VOLUNTEER and participation in job fairs and related career development events. ■



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SKAAMCO Meeting

Skaamco's Fall luncheon was held on Oct 24th, 2018 at the Courtyard at Marriott JFK. Kathy Russell, Sales Manger graciously hosted the delicious lunch while future activities were planned. Center photo Kathy Russell, with board members and attendees.



JetBlue Teams Up With the Brooklyn Nets for Its Newest Special Livery

JetBlue Scores Big by Renewing its Partnership with the Brooklyn Nets and Barclays Center

JetBlue revealed its latest special livery dedicated to the Brooklyn Nets. “BK Blue” joins JetBlue’s legion of New York-themed aircraft. JetBlue was named the Official Domestic Airline of Barclays Center and the Brooklyn Nets in 2013 and has renewed its partnership for another five-year term.

“BK Blue” was designed by a team of Brooklynites and New Yorkers. The aircraft honors New York City’s largest borough with special touches unique to Brooklyn such as street art, architecture, and hip hop.

As the Official Domestic Airline of the Brooklyn Nets and Barclays Center and part of the renewed partnership, JetBlue has also brought one of its most popular products to the arena. JetBlue is now sponsoring the arena’s wireless network renamed Fly-Fi, same as JetBlue’s award-winning, free onboard Wi-Fi. Already a customer favorite onboard, Fly-Fi will be available to Barclays Center’s millions of annual attendees.

“For JetBlue, continuing our partnership with the Brooklyn Nets and Barclays Center was a slam dunk,” said Marty St. George, executive vice president commercial and planning, JetBlue.

“Crossing the bridges into Brooklyn, you’ll find that the borough has a distinct personality and some of the most loyal customers and fans around. Our full court press approach makes our unique product offerings like Fly-Fi accessible to customers both in the air and at Barclays Center.”

The new Airbus A320 livery was revealed at JetBlue’s Hangar at New York’s JFK International Airport. To celebrate the tip-off of the 2018-19 NBA basketball season, the extended partnership and this new plane, the Brooklyn Nets revealed their new Nike NBA City Edition uniform and merchandise line with a fashion show.

City Edition uniforms are designed by Nike to honor each NBA team’s hometown in a unique way, and this season, the Nets’ City Edition uniforms will honor The Notorious B.I.G., who grew up and made a name for himself in the borough’s Bed-Stuy neighborhood.

The black uniform features a multi-color “Brooklyn Camo” pattern inspired by the iconic rapper, which runs down the sides of the jersey & shorts, and along the sleeve & neckline piping. The pattern represents the cultural diversity in the borough, which is home to people of all races, religions, and ethnicities, who have one important unifying trait – Brooklyn swagger.

“JetBlue Airways was one of Barclays Center’s first partners when we opened our arena doors in 2012, and today marks a terrific expansion to our great partnership,” said Brett Yormark, CEO of BSE Global. “A fully branded aircraft that pays homage to Brooklyn and one of its most beloved icons is a fitting statement to make as we enter the next phase of our strategic alliance. JetBlue is committed to providing their customers with the same world-class experience we provide to our guests, and we are excited to work with New York’s hometown airline in new and innovative ways.” ■



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CBP at JFK Arrests Smuggler With Bottles of Cocaine

An arriving passenger did not enjoy a ‘Happy Hour’ as U. S. Customs and Border Protection officers seized his prohibited cocktail.

On September 28, Mr. Akeem Rasheen Lewis, a Jamaican citizen, arrived on a flight from Kingston, Jamaica and during the examination U. S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) officers removed three bottles of Bailey’s liquor from a duty free bag, after discovering that the bottles appeared to be tampered with. Mr. Lewis was escorted to a private search room where CBP officers discovered white powder wrapped in clear plastic bags within the bottles. A total of three packages containing nine pounds of cocaine was discovered with an estimated street value of \$115,000.

“This seizure demonstrates the dynamic border environment in which CBP officers operate at JFK,” said Frank Russo, Acting Director of CBP’s New York Field Operations. “Our officers are determined to adapt and respond to these threats in an effort to protect the American people.”

CBP officers placed Mr. Akeem Rasheen Lewis under arrest and turned him over to Homeland Security Investigations (HSI) Special Agents for further investigation. ■



World's Largest Aircraft Nearing Production With EASA's Go-Ahead

The European Aviation Safety Agency (EASA) has given the green light to Hybrid Air Vehicles (HAV) – the developer of the Airlander hybrid airship – its approval to start flight testing airships for type certification. It is a move that recognizes the UK-based manufacturer's expertise in large aircraft design and enables the company to start type certification and eventually, commercial operation of the Airlander 10, world's largest aircraft.

Hybrid Air Vehicles announced the company has been awarded EASA's Design Organization Approval (DOA), essentially clearing the company to launch a full flight test program towards the type certification of its Airlander 10. The company has previously operated the prototype Airlander under temporary permission from the UK's Civil Aviation Authority (CAA) and EASA.

HAV has hailed the EASA's go-ahead as an "important milestone" for the company – certainly a step closer to the commercial production of the airship. "Achieving our DOA was always an important milestone in our Airlander 10 production plan," said Executive Director Nick Allman in a statement. "Working

directly with EASA, we have made excellent progress on developing the appropriate regulations for an aircraft like Airlander. Having our DOA will support our preparation for a type certification program as we move ahead with the production aircraft."

Hybrid Air Vehicles joins the ranks of only eight other organizations that currently hold an EASA Design Organization Approval for type certifying large aircraft. The DOA means that a manufacturer has been acknowledged as capable of designing large aircraft, it also demands that companies have the "right organization, procedures, competencies and resources" for the task, Aerospace Testing International explains. The manufacturer says it expects to receive certification of a customer version of the Airlander 10 aircraft and have it enter into service from the early 2020s. It has also announced that its order book is now open.

The European regulator's recognition is about the best news HAV has had in a long time. According to Aerospace Testing International, the development of the Airlander started in 2007, right at the time Hybrid Air Vehicles was founded. The design was originally produced



for the U.S. Air Force. Since then, the project has suffered several setbacks related to crashes, including a collapse of the Airship last year.

In November 2017, a prototype of the hybrid aircraft broke free of its mooring mast, triggering a safety feature that collapsed the hull and caused the structure to sustain serious damage. Following the incident, HAV had to cancel its initial flight test program. Prior to that, in August 2016, a hard landing on the Airlander's second flight wrecked the gondola leading to eight months of repairs.

Rethinking the skies – with an Airlander 10

According to Hybrid Air Vehicles, the Airlander can take off and land from virtually any flat surface, and can be configured for multiple

roles in both military and commercial sectors: from surveillance and border patrol operations, search and rescue missions, to cargo transportation and expeditionary tourism.

The Airlander 10 is a helium-filled hybrid airship that is part lighter-than-air blimp (a "pressure airship", which is not to be confused with a zeppelin) and part airplane. Its shape gives the airship an additional lift to minimize fuel usage. With that, the Airlander can stay airborne for up to five days at a time.

The airship is 302 feet (92 meters) long, 143 feet (43.5 meters) wide, with a height of 85 feet (26 meters). It can reach a maximum altitude of 20,000 feet (6,096 meters) and top speed of 90mph (148km/h). It is also capable of carrying up to 10 metric tons, or 22,050 lbs. ■

WAI Proclaims October 13 to Serve Annually As Girls in Aviation Day

Women Aviation International (WAI) is proclaiming October 13 to serve annually as Girls in Aviation Day as a means to spur interest in aviation among young women. There were events all over the country to introduce young girls and women to opportunities in the aviation industry.



A Girls in Aviation Day event was held at the Flying W Airport in Medford, New Jersey on October 13, 2018. There were more than 300 young women and their chaperones in attendance enjoying aircraft displays, STEM and aviation activities and keynote speakers. Representatives from Signature Flight Support, Mathnasium, the Federal Aviation Administration, Civil Air Patrol, Jet Professionals/Jet Aviation, EAA Chapter 1348, the National Business Aviation Association, Windwalker Aero Club, American Airlines, Influential Drones, Freeflight Aviation, and more were on hand to provide demonstrations and talk with the girls about careers and opportunities.

"Promoting careers in STEM, especially among women, is crucial to the health and viability of the aviation industry," said Mark Johnstone, Group Chief Executive of BBA Aviation and CEO of Signature Flight Support. "At Signature, we pride ourselves on helping make aviation attainable for all, which is why we're proud to be a part of this event and look



forward to introducing the young women attending to the joys of a career in aviation in a fun and supportive atmosphere."

Lyndse Costabile, President and CEO at FunD Av Consulting who was the event's keynote speaker and a global STEM advocate

remarked "As a community, as aviation professionals, it's our duty to come together, serve as key role models to girls showing how our industry transforms our world. No young woman should walk this world without role models, mentors and a flight path." ■

JetBlue Appoints William Cade to Vice President, Technical Operations

JetBlue announced the appointment of William Cade as the carrier's new vice president, technical operations. Cade joins JetBlue early next month to oversee the airline's maintenance, materials, quality, engineering and technical purchasing functions. He will be based in Long Island City, N.Y., and report to Warren Christie, JetBlue's senior vice president, safety, security & fleet operations.

A 30-year industry veteran, Cade most recently served as vice president, base technical operations for American Airlines, responsible for multiple heavy maintenance bases along with global heavy maintenance vendor and support shop operations. Cade has held several leadership roles at American serving as technical operations managing director for various regions for over 15 years.

Prior to American Airlines, Cade worked at Trans World Airlines holding numerous positions, including director maintenance in Los Angeles. Cade began his aviation maintenance career with Pan American World Airways as a sheet metal mechanic and is a licensed Airframe and Powerplant (A&P) technician.

"Bill's vast experience will be a great asset to JetBlue as we set up our technical operations team for continued success and achieve our structural cost commitments," said Christie. "Bill has a track record of inspiring large teams while instilling world-class industry technical standards and maintaining the highest levels of safety and compliance." ■

FAA Bill Launches Consumer Advocate Position

A new position was set-up the 1,200-page bill to reauthorize the FAA that will authorize an aviation consumer advocate within the Aviation Consumer Protection Division (ACPD) of the US Department of Transportation (DOT).

The new position will be charged with assisting consumers in resolving carrier service complaints, reviewing the resolution by DOT of such complaints and recommending actions the agency can take to improve enforcement of aviation consumer protection rules.

DOT Has Voiced Opposition to the New Position

DOT, for its part, has opposed the creation of the aviation consumer advocate, arguing that it will be redundant, given the work of the analysts at the ACPD. That division publishes monthly *Air Travel Consumer Reports* and shares passenger complaints with airlines, although industry-watchers claim it has been underfunded in recent years.

In May, DOT took the unusual step of writing a letter to Commerce Committee ranking member Bill Nelson (D-Florida) to register opposition to several "unnecessary and counter-productive rule-making mandates" in the Senate's FAA reauthorization bill, including the provision creating the aviation consumer advocate position.

In the letter, the agency said the new position "would result in an increase in cost with no benefit." The agency added that "the analysts in DOT's Aviation Consumer Protection Division already serve as consumer advocates. They speak with consumers every day to facilitate a resolution to their air travel service problems. DOT also already submits an annual report to Congress on the total number of disability complaints that airlines receive."

While Congress eventually ditched some of the consumer protections flagged by DOT as problematic, it stuck with the language creating the aviation consumer advocate. That measure appeared in both chambers' original reauthorization bills, as well as H.R. 302, the final agreement struck between both chambers in September and quickly passed by Congress in early October.

The consumer advocate will update Congress each year through an annual report that includes the total number of passenger complaints, which will be further broken down to include carrier name, complaint category and enforcement outcome.

More specifically, the aviation consumer advocate will be asked to evaluate unfair and deceptive practices by carriers and ticket agents, terms and conditions agreed to by passengers and carriers (both US- and foreign-based), tarmac delays and consumer protections for air ambulance consumers, among other applicable practices.

Charles Leocha, president and founder of consumer group Travelers United, called the provision "important" and said it will modify DOT's mission by requiring the agency to prioritize the airline passenger experience. "The DOT mission statement has totally eliminated passengers," Leocha said. "This is going to force them to put passengers back in, because now Congress is telling them, 'You are involved in taking care of airline passengers.' I think that's really going to make a big difference for the flying public." ■

dnata named Ground Support Services Provider of the Year

For the 9th time, dnata has been named Ground Support Services Provider of the Year at the Aviation Business Awards. The award was accepted by Jaffar Dawood, Senior Vice President of dnata's UAE airport operations, at a gala dinner in Dubai.

"We are honoured to receive this prestigious award as a testament of our uncompromising focus on customer service and innovation," said Jaffar Dawood. "Winning this award for the 9th time demonstrates our ability to consistently deliver safe and quality services to our customers. We stay committed to providing service excellence to all our airline partners and their passengers every day."

The Aviation Business Awards are organized by ITP Media Group, the publisher of *Aviation Business* publication, with the aim of honouring leadership and innovation in the regional aviation industry.

Operating at two airports, Dubai International Airport and Al Maktoum International Airport at Dubai World Central, dnata provides quality and reliable services to 129 airlines in the UAE. Every day, the company's dedicated employees assist over 250,000 passengers, manage 1,160 aircraft movements, move 1,970 tons of cargo and prepare 13,000 inflight meals in the country.

In line with the ever rising passenger numbers and cargo volumes, dnata constantly invests in its operations and processes applying leading technology to improve efficiency and productivity. dnata's most recent initiatives include the opening of new, state-of-the-art facilities (airport operations control centre, customer service centre and cargo integrated control centre, cargo warehouse), the recycling programme of its fleet of 12,000 units of ground services equipment (GSE), the conversion of its diesel-powered forklifts to electric ones as well as the introduction of a cutting-edge, cloud-based software platform that enables freight forwarders, agents and airlines to plan all land transport processes more efficiently.

Through its airport hospitality brand, marhaba, dnata also provides a comprehensive range of airport lounges and meet and greet services, ensuring a swift, smooth and safe passage through the two Dubai airports for over 6,000 Dubai customers and their families every day.

Further expanding its service portfolio, dnata earlier this year launched its innovative baggage delivery services by acquiring majority stake in DUBZ, a technology and logistics company. With the new service, passengers flying out from Dubai can now enjoy the convenience of checking in their baggage and getting their boarding passes from their home or hotel. ■



Jaffar Dawood, Senior VP, UAE Airport Operations, dnata, with the Ground Support Services Provider of the Year award.

Trump Signs FAA's Five-Year Plan

With a five-year financing scheme – the most extensive since the 1980s – as well as provisions related to passenger's protection, air regulation and safe operation of drones, the president of the United States Donald Trump signed the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) Reauthorization Act of 2018.

Approved by the U.S. Congress after a process spanning over four years, this bill puts the final dot to debate on air traffic control (ATC) privatization. Until 2023 it remains "under the wing" of the FAA. Both sides of the political spectrum rejected the proposal of air traffic control privatization and chose to grant financial stability to the aeronautical authority body.

The certainty was applauded by different international and local aviation organizations, such as the International Air Transport Association (IATA) or Airlines for America (A4A) – industry trade organization that incorporates the U.S. legacy carriers.

Passenger Protection

The act also includes establishment of an Ombudsman's Office, which will depend on the U.S. Department of Transportation and monitor airlines service quality. Likewise, the act establishes provisions related to aircraft seats (such as the minimum space between backups), the involuntary cession of seats (so that the boarding is not denied once the passenger is on-board an airplane), compensations, and the information in case of cancellations or delays.

Finally, regarding the operation of unmanned aircraft, the approved initiative establishes new conditions of drones use for recreational purposes, although the implementation process will depend on the issuance of new rules by the FAA. **JORGE CASTELLANOS**

American Airlines In Copyright Flap With Feds

The copyright office has argued American's new logo, introduced in 2013, isn't creative enough to warrant a copyright.

American Airlines is taking the United States Copyright Office to court over the agency's repeated refusal to grant copyright protections to the carrier's logo that appears on everything from flight safety videos to advertisements to credit cards.

It's the latest escalation in a years-long back and forth during which the copyright office has argued American's new logo, introduced in 2013, isn't creative enough to warrant a copyright.

To American, the new logo, referred to as "the Flight Symbol," blends red and blue elements to represent the tail of a plane, with the subtle shading of an eagle meant to suggest flight.

The logo's designer Futurebrand even won a Clio, a top advertising award, for its work on American's rebranding following its merger with US Airways.

But to the U.S. Copyright Office, the logo appears more like an "elongated rectangle" with an "exceedingly common" color palette of red, white and blue, lacking sufficient "original and creative" authorship to warrant protection.

The office has thrice denied American's application for copyright protections that date back to 2016, prompting the Fort Worth-based carrier to file a federal lawsuit last week asking a judge to overrule the department's decision, which American has called "arbitrary, capricious ... and an abuse of discretion."

"American Airlines' Flight Symbol easily possesses the modicum of creativity necessary to qualify for copyright protection," the carrier said in a complaint filed in U.S. District Court Northern District of Texas. "Indeed ... the Copyright Office has registered multiple designs that do not approach the creativity and uniqueness embodied in the Flight Symbol."

American's logo is already a registered trademark, which prevents it from being used by others in commercial settings, but copyright registration would provide a broader set of protections.

While both American and the Copyright Office acknowledge the logo is built from a combination of geometric shapes, they diverge on the amount of originality that went into its creation. ■



Frontier Lacked Proper Medical Kits Claims FAA

The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) has proposed a \$474,000 fine against Frontier Airlines, claiming that the U.S. ultra-low-cost carrier operated aircraft without appropriate medical supplies on board "hundreds of flights". Frontier is getting ready to challenge FAA's motion.

Allegedly, Frontier Airlines operated eleven aircraft that lacked required medical supplies – injectable epinephrine or atropine, (or both) – on revenue flights on July 11-27, 2017, the FAA announced.

According to the agency's statement, insufficient medical kits were installed on 11 aircraft in June-July 2017. After being made aware of the problems on July 10, 2017, the company applied for exemption the following day. The exemption was granted by the FAA on September 16, 2017.

Despite that, the FAA concludes that allegedly Frontier continued operating the 11 aircraft on 787 revenue flights between July 11 and July 27, 2017. "after it had become aware of the problem and before the FAA issued the exemption".

Frontier does not deny the problem, but says it was corrected "within days". The airline is also preparing to challenge the FAA in an informal hearing.

Jonathan Freed, Frontier Airlines Director of Corporate Communications explained via Press Release: "There was a national shortage of certain medication in 2017 and Frontier was supplied with medical kits that were not clearly identified as being deficient. We corrected the issue within days, and medical kits currently in use are fully compliant." ■



Globus Airlines begins operating its first Boeing 737 Max as S7 Airlines.

United Increasing Flights To Mexico

Newark International will see increase in number of flights to Mexico

United Airlines has increased its operations between Mexico and the United States by adding three new daily flights. United's General Director of Sales in Mexico, Rolf Meyer, remarked the airline found a high demand from passengers for additional flights between Mexico City International Airport and New York's Newark Airport.

Meyer revealed 466,000 Mexicans visited New York last year, and the new flights between the two premier destinations will help the tourist industry in each city. The additional service also offers travelers more schedule options.

In addition, the proximity of Newark Airport to New York City makes it an appealing flight option for business and leisure travelers. Terminal C of the facility also boasts The United Experience, a re-designed airport terminal that meets the lifestyle of the modern traveler.

United recently announced it will offer customers more flights and more seats from Newark to both Los Angeles and San Francisco, beginning January 7, 2019. ■



Boeing Delivers Russia's First 737 Max 8

The latest delivery of a Boeing 737 Max makes Globus Airlines the first Russian operator of the model, as launch customer S7 Airlines prepares to supplement its partners' fleet of 19 Boeing 737NGs with 11 of the CFM Leap-1B-powered narrow-bodies. S7 took delivery from Los Angeles-based lessor Air Lease, which has committed to leasing nine Max 8s to the Siberian carrier.

Globus operates out of Moscow Domodedovo International Airport as S7 Airlines, flying its Boeing 737-800s in a 176-seat cabin configuration, including eight business class seats. Featuring the same cabin layout, its new Max 8s can fly 435 nautical miles farther than its NGs while burning 14 percent less fuel.

Plans call for Globus to fly the first airplane out of Novosibirsk Tolmochevo Airport to Domodedovo and Chita Kadala Airport. The airline's route network covers cities across Russia, the CIS, and Europe. ■



FedEx employees volunteer to assemble "Care packages" for military

FedEx Lends A Hand To Support Military

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The volunteers filled 14,000 USO care packages at Shelby Farms, taping and stuffing boxes to be sent off to men and women in uniform during the holiday season. "Most of the items are toiletry kits and snacks," said USO Senior Director Kristina Griffin. "If you can imagine if you are in a very far and remote place like the desert you need a little comfort of home."

FedEx said it's about delivering joy to members of the military. "As a Marine Corp veteran myself, having an organization that comes and steps up and helps the troops is really special to me," said FedEx HR Advisor Brock Carlson.

It's all done through a partnership supporting the USO Holidays for Heroes program. What I appreciate is the culture and community of our company allows us to come together to support the troops all over the world," Carlson said. All the care packages delivered through the program will go to service members deployed to Southwest Asia, the Pacific, and Europe.

"We want people to know that even though we may not be at the height of a conflict, that we do have service men and women or are serving very far away," Griffin said. "The fact that we are able to come together today to bring a little taste of home to our service men and women during a time when they probably want to be home with their families is pretty incredible." ■

General Aviation Community Supports Operation Air Drop

Gainesville, Florida, is the hub of a General Aviation relief effort to help the hurricane-ravaged Florida Panhandle in the wake of Hurricane Michael. Only a few weeks after mounting a major effort to help some of the millions affected by Hurricane Florence in the Carolinas, Operation Airdrop began receiving and distributing supplies. Gainesville is about 200 miles from Panama City, the hardest hit region.

Operation Airdrop's response protocol via a social media fanout was engaged on Saturday, September 30th and the first load of supplies went out from a few days after the event. By the evening hours, more than 20 aircraft filled with supplies had been deployed. Destin Airport, about 50 miles east of Panama City, is receiving supplies for local distribution but it's not clear what other General Aviation facilities are available for use.

President Donald Trump visited the area on Monday, October 2nd to look at the relief efforts.

Airbus Announces Guillaume Faury As New CEO

A new chief executive has been named at Airbus. The European aircraft maker's board picked insider Guillaume Faury to replace CEO Tom Enders in April.

The 50-year-old Faury currently serves as president of Airbus' commercial aircraft division. He was CEO of Airbus Helicopters from 2013 until February 2018.

Board Chairman Denis Ranque praised Faury's "global outlook, extensive operational experience, strong personal values and straightforward leadership style" in a statement. Enders has been the CEO of Airbus since May 2012. The 59-year-old announced last December he planned to step down.

Tom Enders, CEO of Airbus, said: "Guillaume is an excellent choice. He has gained broad industrial and aeronautic experience over many years and in many roles both inside and outside Airbus. With his strong values and international mindset, Guillaume stands for the new generation of leaders that Airbus needs for the coming decade. He knows he can rely on me to facilitate a smooth transition."

Before taking charge of Airbus' Commercial Aircraft division in February 2018, Faury led the company's helicopter business. He also did tours as a senior manager at Peugeot and Eurocopter.

"I am honored to have been selected by the Board to lead this extraordinary company. I look forward to taking on this new challenge with passion and enthusiasm, relying on the exceptional expertise and engagement of all Airbus people around the world," said Guillaume Faury.

Airbus (EADSF) has had a strong run this year, with its stock up 25% since January. But the company is facing challenges that will require the licensed flight test engineer to quickly get up to speed.

Airbus, which is based in Toulouse, France, dominates the commercial aircraft market along with rival Boeing. It delivered a record 718 aircraft in 2017 and employs 129,000 staff worldwide. ■



The TWA Silver Wings Meet in Kansas City

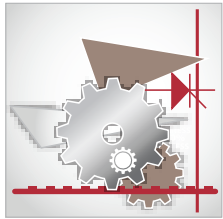
The Silver Wings is an organization for retired TWA Flight Attendants. The annual conventions keep the TWA name alive and showcase the pride its members had in working for a world class airline. The event also offers the opportunity to meet old friends who had worked together for years.

The venue, Kansas City, was especially relevant as all TWA Flight Attendants were trained here. A nostalgic city tour visiting old training sites, followed by an outstanding Kansas City barbecue, concluded at the TWA Museum located at the old Airport. The TWA Museum is a treasure trove of memorabilia and even has an airworthy Constellation. The 2019 Silver Wings convention will be held at the new TWA Hotel at the TWA Flight Center at JFK.

Visit www.twasilverwings.com for more information about the Silver Wings. **EDWARD GARCIA**



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Industry Mourns Passing of Bruce Whitman, Flight Safety Chairman and President

FlightSafety International's chairman, president and CEO Bruce Whitman, whose career with the flight training company spanned 57 years, died at the age of 85. During Whitman's tenure, he made it his mission to reduce aviation accidents by creating programs that train pilots, not only for proficiency, but to increase their abilities to handle emergency situations. The company developed full motion simulators that create a realistic environment for pilots to practice situations that would be impossible to safely simulate in complex airplanes. Flight scenarios such as engine failures on takeoff have made many a pilot emerge from FlightSafety's simulators white knuckled and sweaty.

But Whitman's contribution to the aviation industry didn't end there. In fact, few well respected aviation organizations have been untouched by Whitman's passion for aviation safety. He served on the Associate Membership Advisory Council of the National Business Aircraft Association, the Board of Governors and Executive Committees of the Flight Safety Foundation and the Civil Air Patrol. He's also been involved on an executive level with the Audit Committee of Petroleum Helicopters, Aviall, Passur Aerospace, Aerospace Industries Association, NATA's Air Charter Safety Foundation, and The Wings Club Foundation.

In various capacities, he also supported the Congressional Medal of Honor Foundation, Orbis International, Smithsonian National Air and Space Museum, Corporate Angel Network, General Aviation Manufacturer's Association, National Aeronautic Association, Air Force Academy Falcon Foundation, Kent School, National World War II Museum, and more.

There is no question that Whitman's vision has saved many pilots and passengers lives through the years. FlightSafety now has training facilities all around the world, covering more than 135 aircraft models in training that spans 1.4 million hours of training per year for pilots, technicians and other aviation professionals. ■



Travelers Aid Honors Helga Wertheheimer

Travelers aid at JFK recently held a luncheon to celebrate Helga Wertheheimer's 25 years as a Travelers aid volunteer with all her co-workers in attendance. The GM at JFK gave Helga a letter of recognition for her fine work over the years.

Travelers Aid is a program at JFK airport and others that services passengers that encounter problems or otherwise seek assistance during travel. There are Travelers Aid volunteer representatives at Terminals 1, 4, 5, 7, 8. Thank You Helga for helping assisting travelers who needed help.

For more information about Travelers Aid, go to www.travelersaid.org/jfk

Airbridge Sets Up Europe Operations Base at Liege Airport

Liege Airport and AirBridgeCargo Airlines (ABC) have signed a ten-year lease agreement that will contribute to an annual total of 1m tonnes at the hub from all airlines by 2020.

The agreement comes after a Memorandum of Understanding signed between Liege Airport and ABC parent, the Volga-Dnepr Group, during the Farnborough International Airshow 2018 in July.

Late last year, ABC began moving some of its freighter services from Amsterdam’s Schiphol airport to Liege after the Dutch hub was forced to reduce aircraft slots for freighters.

A spokesperson for ABC said: “At the moment we operate 19 weekly frequencies to/from Amsterdam and will leave this number unchanged till the end of this year.”

Under the Liege agreement ABC will lease warehouse premises for the total area of 25,000 sq m at the airport. The investment amounts to €25m and includes 2,000 sq m of office space.

The project will be divided into two phases, with the first one to be launched in June 2019 when ABC will have its first 12,500 square meter warehouse.

The second phase will commence in early 2020 with the rest of warehouse premises to follow. At the same time, the Walloon Airports Company (SOWAER) is building four new aircraft stands to accommodate growing ABC fleet.

Luc Partoune, chief executive of Liege Airport, said: “We welcomed the first flights in October 2017 because AirBridgeCargo had to reduce its presence in Amsterdam. “Then we responded to their call for tenders launched earlier this year for the creation of their European hub.”

Partoune added: “They liked the cargo DNA of Liege Airport. We had strong political support at both the federal and regional levels. AirBridgeCargo sees opportunities for expansion, can count on a quality workforce and rely on efficient Belgian customs.

“Thanks to AirBridgeCargo, we plan to reach one million tonnes by 2020 and become one of the top five cargo airports in Europe.” Sergey Lazarev, general director of ABC, said: “It’s been a year since we have been operating to Liege and we are delighted to see that our partnership is reaching a new height.



(l.-r.) Steven Verhasselt, VP business development at Liege Airport; Sergey Lazarev, General Director, AirBridgeCargo Airlines; Luc Partoune, CEO of Liege Airport; and Andrey Andreev, Vice President, Europe, AirBridgeCargo Airlines.

“This step is another milestone which goes in line with the development of strategic cooperation between Liege airport and Volga-Dnepr Group.” He continued: “With the lease of dedicated warehouse facilities for the next 10 years and ABC’s intention to increase the number of weekly flights to Liege up to 30 within the next 1.5 years.

“AirBridgeCargo will be able to leverage growing market demand for special cargoes, especially e-commerce shipments.

“An agreement of this size comes with a number of benefits not only for ABC but also for our customers, who will get more frequency options and high level of service quality”.

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Port Authority Goes Pink for Breast Cancer Awareness Month

From the top of the George Washington Bridge to concourses of the busy Midtown bus terminal and LaGuardia Airport, the Port Authority went pink for October in recognition of Breast Cancer Awareness Month and the impact it's left on the agency, its people and their families.

For the past decade, electricians at the GWB have teamed to string a necklace of LED lights along the bridge's cables, a display that went live on the south side of the bridge on Oct. 1. The gel-lighting network – composed of pink transparent coverings with the names of breast cancer victims fitted over regular lights – was the brainchild of GWB electrician Chris Bonanno, in tribute to his sister who contracted the disease more than a decade ago.

“We’re doing everything we can to make a difference, and praying that one day they won’t have to do this because a cure was found,” he said. Breast Cancer Awareness Month was established to raise awareness about the scourge of breast cancer in the United States. It’s the second-leading killer of women, after lung cancer, with more than 260,000 cases of invasive breast cancer expected to be diagnosed in U.S. women this year, according to the American Cancer Society.

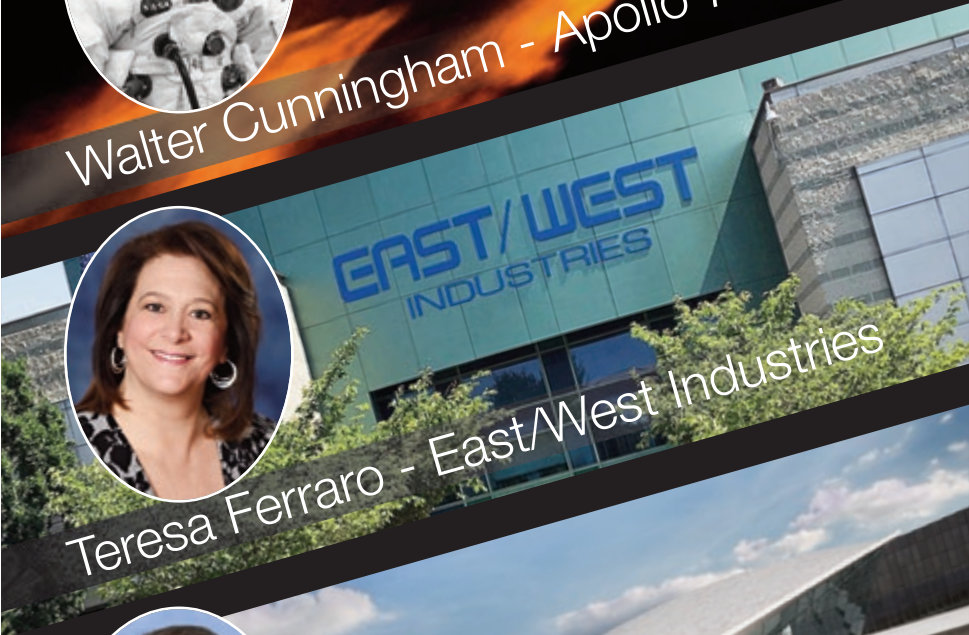
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The PABT team and the decorative decal marking Breast Cancer Awareness Month.

At both the Port Authority Bus Terminal and LaGuardia's Marine Air Terminal, pink- ribbon decals decorated facility floors. PABT Physical Plant Manager Robert Doeg noted that the bus terminal supported Breast Cancer Awareness Month for a second year with the installation of the Port Authority custom-made logo in the building's South Wing. Doeg said the PABT wanted to do something special, following in the tradition established at the GWB.

Asked what this installation means to his team and to him personally, Doeg paused for a moment, then said, “We’ve had and have staff, family and friends who’ve been impacted by the disease. So, it’s very personal to us and a very big deal.”

“Being able to contribute towards this great cause makes us feel good that we can help bring awareness and give back,” he said.

In addition to the displays at the GWB, PABT and LaGuardia, Breast Cancer Awareness Month events and lighting programs have taken place at the FAA control tower at John F. Kennedy International Airport, at Newark Liberty International Airport and at PATH. **RUDY KING**, Media Relations Staff



NIAMCO 5K In Newark

The Newark International Airport Managers Council (NIAMCO) coordinating with the Port Authority NY& NJ held the 2nd annual Sue Baer 5K run. Susan (“Sue”) Baer, an aviation pioneer, former General Manager, leader, friend and mentor at EWR and all around the local airport and aviation community. There were over 400 runners participating in this Run the Runway event to benefit Angel Flights NE. For more information on the work that NIAMCO does go to www.niamco.org

Flying Dutchman arrives at JFK in 1946



KLM Celebrates 99th Birthday

Known as the Dutch national carrier, KLM Royal Dutch Airlines on October 7 celebrated 99 years becoming the only airline in the world to reach this milestone. Since 1919, KLM has continued operating under its original name, making it one of a kind in the aviation industry.

On 21 May 1946, a DC-4 set off to New York from Amsterdam making KLM the first European airline to offer service across the Atlantic to the United States. Now, seventy years on, KLM's North Atlantic route network is still one of the key gateways between the two continents.

KLM Royal Dutch Airlines, legally Koninklijke Luchtvaart Maatschappij N.V., is the flag carrier airline of the Netherlands. KLM is headquartered in Amstelveen, with its hub at nearby Amsterdam Airport Schiphol. It is part of the Air France–KLM group, and a member of the SkyTeam airline alliance.

This special 99th birthday of an airline will be celebrated across all KLM establishments worldwide. "For us, this is an occasion to thank our customers for their continued loyalty over the years. Our customers are at the heart of our business and we take care of them with special attention and passion. This is what makes us different," Said Jean – Noel Rault, General Manager

He added, "For the past 99 years, we have been flying customers from all over the world and creating beautiful memories across generations. We have brought Europe and the rest of the world closer to our customers in India with our partnership with Jet Airways. Together we offer 31 weekly flights to Amsterdam, connecting from 45 Indian cities. We look forward to the coming year and our 100th anniversary, making us the only airline in the world to celebrate a centenary"

KLM carried a record 32.7 million passengers in 2017, offering its passengers direct flights to 165 destinations with a modern fleet of more than 160 aircraft. The airline employs a workforce of more 32,000 people worldwide. The KLM Group as a whole transported more than 41 million passengers in 2017. In addition to KLM, the KLM Group includes KLM Cityhopper, Transavia and Martinair. The KLM network connects the Netherlands with all of the world's key economic regions and is a powerful engine driving the Netherlands' economy. ■

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Cradle of Aviation with LI Stem Hub Host Career Conversations Event

It's never too early to start speaking with middle and high school aged kids about their interests and possible career aspirations. The event held at the Cradle of Aviation in Garden City was coordinated with LI Stem Hub and many other schools, companies and organizations from Long Island. Students and parents got to meet with representatives from hospitals, tech companies, utilities, airlines, schools, research companies and more. They were informed about different opportunities at every educational level.

Not every great paying job requires a 4- or 8-year degree. There is a continuum of opportunities for everyone right here in our own back yard. There are major investments being made on Long Island for the future of STEM based businesses. Students of today and tomorrow will benefit from those investments if they do some preparations now to get on track with the path that will lead them to a great paying job. For more information about events and how to get the conversation started, go to www.listemhub.org ■



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Major League Hamburger Contest: NY Mets Beat American Airlines

In a nail biter – or should we say burger biter – the NY Mets Citifield burger beat the American Airline’s Flagship burger

It was a party of unsurpassed gluttony as hundreds of guests greased their palates with an awesome collection of that All-American icon; the hamburger. And of course, had to chase the delectable burgers with their favorite brews. Chefs, culinary experts and foodies gathered at the New York City Wine & Food Festival (NYCWFF) to celebrate the best of the culinary world and try some tasty burgers, including American Airline’s very own Flagship Burger.

As the official airline sponsor of NYCWFF, American Airlines was onsite all weekend celebrating with attendees in its Flagship-themed lounge and participated in the annual burger competition on Friday, October 12th. The popular rooftop party, where chefs and restaurants show off their burger skills, included more than 30 of NYC’s best burgers and featured American’s Flagship Burger.

“We knew we had something special with the Flagship Burger and were excited and

proud to be the first airline to have its burger entered into the New York City Wine & Food Festival contest,” said Janelle Anderson, vice president of Marketing for American. “The Flagship Burger was created with local professional chefs and first launched when we opened our restaurant style lounge at John F. Kennedy International Airport (JFK) last year. We had fun being a part of the competition and know we put up a good fight.”

The NYCWFF burger competition has two awards – a people’s choice award and a winner picked by a panel of judges who participate in a blind tasting. This year’s judges included Neil Patrick Harris, David Burtka, Geoffrey Zakarian, Rachael Ray and Andrew Zimmern. The people’s choice award is decided by the festival attendees who have the chance to taste all of the burgers participating and vote for their favorite.

Professional chefs designed the American

Airline Flagship Burger using locally sourced ingredients, and the burger made its debut in May 2017 at Flagship First Dining at JFK.

It was a wild and wooly contest featuring 30 restaurants, a few catering halls, and some surprises such as American Airlines and the New York Mets. American Airlines made a wild bet that a hamburger it serves at the airport could be crowned the best in New York City.

The single-grind, sirloin patty is served on a brioche bun with aged cheddar, red onion, bacon marmalade, arugula and beefsteak tomatoes at American’s first-class lounge at John F. Kennedy International Airport, as well as at similar lounges in American’s network. Chef John Ogden said he went through about a dozen iterations before settling on this one, which was first served in the lounge in May 2017.

Hundreds of burger enthusiasts at the festival made their way from table to table, snatching up the quartered patties as a loud cover band belted out pop songs.

Competition was stiff. The entry from Pig Beach, a barbecue joint in the Gowanus section of Brooklyn, was short rib on a potato roll served with white American cheese, house-made pickles and a mustard-mayo sauce. BK Jani, a Pakistani restaurant in Bushwick served its burger with crispy, masala-spiced fries.

Craig Messmer, a mechanical engineer based in St. Louis who is also 56 years old, said American’s “Flagship burger” was his favorite at the event because others that had a lot of condiments were too “over the top.”

American Airlines Chef John Ogden presented NYCWFF attendees with the signature Flagship Burger.



“Everyone thinks: American Airlines? I was surprised they were No. 1,” he said.

The judges named a winner after a blind taste test of the burgers. “This was the first time the judges ever agreed,” said celebrity chef Rachael Ray, who hosted the event.

Zimmern called the airline’s entry into the burger battle “smart” and said he’s had good meals on long-haul flights with U.S. carriers. Airlines should also pay attention to their shorter flights too, he added. “If you’re going New York to Chicago, if you’re going to feed something to someone it doesn’t need to be expensive or fancy, but make it good. It’s not that hard,” he said.

Alas, American lost to another underdog: the New York Mets. NY Mets Citi Field will serve its winner – ground, dry-aged beef, with stewed onions, house-cured bacon, and a sharp cheddar cheese sauce – at Citifield’s restaurants. **JOSEPH ALBA**



The Flagship Burger presented at NYCWFF’s annual burger competition.

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Congress Moves to Ensure Greater Availability of Explosives Detecting Dogs In The U.S.

Dogs are working on the front lines of homeland security, protecting some of our most vulnerable public spaces. Patrolling airports, stadiums, and train stations to sniff out explosives, they are a vital and irreplaceable piece of American law enforcement. Congress has just taken a major step forward to ensure that we can acquire and train enough dogs to meet our security needs.

The global demand for highly trained, explosive detection dogs is only increasing. Despite technological advances in almost every facet of security, when it comes to explosives detection, dogs remain the most accurate, cost-effective, and reliable way of locating explosives. As a result, law enforcement agencies across the world are in heated competition to acquire the most suitable dogs for these tasks.



For the U.S., this most often means relying on foreign dog breeders to meet this demand. The Department of Defense and Department of Homeland Security source up to 90 percent of their dogs from European breeders, one of our few vital security needs that is effectively outsourced.

There are significant drawbacks to this approach. Government buyers commonly find themselves in bidding wars with deep-pocketed international competitors. This limits the number of dogs we are able to purchase, and often has us losing out on higher-quality dogs, which are either retained by their European home countries or sold to a higher bidder.

To make things even tougher, not every dog purchased overseas by the U.S. government is cut out for a career in law enforcement. Successful working dogs need to have the right combination of sociability, temperament, and work ethic, while also passing strict medical examinations and training protocols. A significant number of imported dogs wash out of training and cannot be deployed for their original purpose. This puts further pressure on supply and our ability to keep our public safe.

High-quality American dog breeders want, and should be able, to step in to meet this demand. Americans have the scientific expertise in genetics, genomics, animal husbandry, training, and animal care to make this happen, but bureaucratic hurdles and an often-arcane government contracting process are preventing them from doing so.

Most American breeders are small-time operations, which put them at a disadvantage when applying for government contracts, which usually favor large breeders with more dogs to offer. As small businesses, most American breeders are not experienced in the federal procurement process, which keeps many from even trying to supply the government with dogs.

The U.S. government also engages in practices that work against American breeders. For example, the government usually will not purchase dogs that are younger than nine months; most American breeders are not equipped to house a dog past 12 weeks. For most small breeders, this makes the costs of dealing with the government prohibitive.

These issues require a legislative solution, and Congress has taken important action to fix this problem. In the House, Rep. Mike Rogers (R-Ala.) has taken the lead with the Domestic Explosives Detection Canine Capacity Building Act. It requires that the TSA establish a public-private working group bringing together top experts in animal science, husbandry, training and detection operations to develop non-governmental breeding networks for explosives detection dogs. The working group will also establish a set of clear medical, behavioral and training standards for breeders to adhere to.

The Senate Commerce Committee, led by Chairman John Thune, (R-S.D.), Ranking Member Bill Nelson (D-Fla.) and Aviation Subcommittee Chairman Roy Blunt, (R-Mo.) and Ranking Member Maria Cantwell, (D-Wash.), has also taken steps to solve this issue, incorporating these requirements into the FAA reauthorization bill. When signed into law, it will bring with it a major improvement in airport security.

The inclusion of the Domestic Explosives Detection Canine Capacity Building Act in the FAA reauthorization bill will help bring high quality U.S. dog breeders into the government's process for procuring working dogs, as well as making that process more open and transparent. We commend Congress for taking bipartisan, commonsense steps to protect our public spaces.

SHEILA GOFFE, Vice President of Government Relations for the American Kennel Club.

Boeing 777-9 Landing Gear Component Ready for Installation At Canadian Factory

Well, it's certainly not the most romantic photo you will ever see in an aviation monthly; it's a landing gear. But have you ever thought of landing without one.

The Boeing 777-9 landing gear is being built in Canada by Heroux Devtek and will be initially used for static tests.

The Boeing 777-9 which is due for launch in December of 2019 and already has an impressive back-log of customers including Emirates, Singapore Airlines, Cathay Pacific and Qatar. Boeing unveiled images of the first landing gear of the future 777X, whose inaugural flight is scheduled for next year.



After the folding wing and the fuselage, Boeing now released images of the landing gear of the world's largest twin-engine widebody aircraft.

Emirates has placed the largest order for the new airliner with 150 aircraft. (115, 777-9 and 35, 777-8). The aircraft has a capacity of 425 seats in standard tri-class configuration. The 777-9 can fly 7600 nautical miles with the lower operating cost per seat than any commercial aircraft in the world, according to the manufacturer.

As of the end of September 2018, the 777X has accumulated 326 orders in total (273 777-9 and 53 777X). Four prototypes will be used for the certification campaign. **JOSEPH ALBA**

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Flying Eye Hospital

Helping eye patients in Ethiopia

The Orbis Flying Eye Hospital—the world’s only U.S.-accredited teaching hospital on board an MD-10 aircraft returned to Addis Ababa to conduct a three-week training project, invited by the Federal Ministry of Health and in partnership with the Ophthalmological Society of Ethiopia (OSE). Hosted by the Department of Ophthalmology, Addis Ababa University at Menelik II Referral Hospital (Menelik), the Flying Eye Hospital project is also an opportunity to celebrate 20 years of eye health development and partnership in Ethiopia and World Sight Day.

Orbis set up its very first program office in Addis Ababa 20 years ago in 1998, and joined local partners in:

- introducing modern cataract surgical techniques.
- training the first generation of eye sub-specialists.
- introducing pediatric eye care by opening the first three child-friendly centers at Menelik Hospital, and in the cities of Hawassa and Gondar.

■ developing and launching the Eye Bank of Ethiopia, and leading the consortium for a trachoma elimination project, initiating SAFE (Surgery, Antibiotics, Facial cleanliness and Environmental improvement) strategy and rural eye care infrastructure.

“Over the last two decades, through extensive collaboration and coordination with the Federal Ministry of Health, OSE and our incredible network of local and international partners, we have contributed to building a vastly improved eye health system across the country, saving the sight of millions of Ethiopian people,” said Bob Ranck, President and CEO of Orbis International.

The project is focusing on training local eye care teams in adult and pediatric surgery techniques needed to meet the remaining needs of the over 1.6 million Ethiopians living with blindness, and another 3.8 million living with low vision (according to the first national blindness, low vision and trachoma survey in 2006). The Global Trachoma Mapping Project (2013) estimated that Ethiopia is home to 37.5%



Orbis staff nurse Gloria Rhomes assisted Rahmet, age 9, from the Flying Eye Hospital after her cataract surgery in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia.

of the world’s trachoma cases—a painful, contagious disease where the eyelashes turn inward and can lead to permanent blindness.

Over the course of the three-week project, Orbis aims to train 335 eye care professionals

(including doctors, nurses, biomedical engineers, anesthesiologists and allied health professionals), screen and examine 250 patients, and perform surgery on 122 people. ■

Visit the Orbis International website at www.orbis.org

Ray Foundation Provides Funds For Young Aviators

A new Experimental Aircraft Association program will provide up to \$10,000 each for an initial class of 90 to 100 young people who are pursuing flight training, thanks to the Ray Foundation of Naples, Florida.

The Ray Foundation has provided \$1 million to fund the Ray Aviation Scholarship Fund, which seeks to improve the flight training success rate from the current 20 percent level to 80 percent. The scholarship program will be managed by EAA and administered through its chapter network. EAA chapters will be responsible for identifying youth for the Ray Aviation Scholars program and mentoring them through flight training.

“This is a tremendous first step to use aviation to impart important life skills and introduce youth to aviation and aerospace careers,” said Jack J. Pelton, EAA CEO and Chairman of the Board. “Through this grant, the Ray Foundation is furthering the legacy of James Ray, an EAA lifetime member who was dedicated to aviation and youth. Working together, we will grow this initiative to help meet the tremendous future demand for pilots and associated aviation careers.”

Ray, who died in April 2017, was a longtime supporter of EAA programs and youth initiatives. One of his most visible areas of support was financing the EAA’s Air Academy Lodge that opened in 1998. This residence facility supports the annual EAA Air Academy, the world’s longest running aviation youth camp, which is held in Oshkosh each summer.

EAA chapters will play a critical role in the success of the Ray Aviation Scholars program. Chapters interested in participating must be prequalified by EAA through an application process. If selected, they will mentor and support the scholarship recipient throughout their flight-training journey. Once selected as a Ray Aviation Scholarship Fund participant, candidates will also commit to volunteer service with the local EAA chapter.

“The Ray Aviation Scholars program through EAA aims to meet two immediate needs – the growing demand for pilots and those in aviation careers, and the financial burden that often keeps young people from completing flight training,” said Chuck Ahearn, President of the Ray Foundation. “The pilot community found within EAA chapters is the perfect group to provide the support and mentorship that will significantly improve the flight training success rate.” ■



James Ray

Flying Truck On The Drawing Board

Yamato Holdings Co. has reached a basic agreement with a major U.S. helicopter manufacturer to develop an unmanned “flying truck” capable of transporting goods via air. It aims to start commercial use of the vehicles by the mid-2020s.

Yamato reached the agreement with U.S.-based Bell Helicopter Textron Inc. According to the two companies, the unmanned aircraft will fly at speeds of at least 160 kph and carry cargo of up to about 450 kilograms.

Bell will develop the aircraft itself, while Yamato will construct the cargo container. The companies will produce a prototype by August 2019 and conduct test flights. The unmanned plane is faster than a truck, immune to traffic jams and not bound to road and railway routes, benefits that are expected to reduce costs.

Yamato hopes to use unmanned aircraft to solve the shortage of truck drivers and other workers that has plagued the transport industry. The company views such vehicles less as aircraft than as a means of transporting and distributing smaller cargo than conventional airborne cargo. It aims to eventually expand the system throughout Japan and abroad. For now, plans are to use the aircraft for intermediate-range transport rather than home delivery. ■



Cybersecurity Involves Hardware As Well As Software

As reported in *Metropolitan Airport News* last issue, cybersecurity has become an important component in the protection of US Technology, whether it be industry sectors such as Aviation, or technology firms that build the hardware serving US industry. The story below, first published in Bloomberg.com's October 9th Edition, demonstrates the lengths some of our protagonists will go to in order to steal technology. **The Editor**

Evidence Of Hacked Supermicro Hardware Found In U.S. Telecom

Discovery shows China continues to sabotage critical technology components connecting to US Telecom computers

**BY JORDAN ROBERTSON
AND MICHAEL RILEY**

Cyber Risk Management, *Bloomberg*
October 2018

Photo 1 Parts have imbedded microchips that replicate equipment operations

A major U.S. telecommunications company discovered manipulated hardware from Super Micro Computer Inc. in its network and removed it in August, fresh evidence of tampering in China of critical technology components bound for the U.S., according to a security expert working for the telecom company.

This event is not isolated; Chinese spies were able to compromise servers belonging to 30 of the US's top tech companies through the use of hardware manipulations.

The security expert, Yossi Applebourn, provided documents, analysis and other evidence of the discovery following the publication of an investigative report in Bloomberg Businessweek that detailed how China's intelligence services had ordered subcontractors to plant malicious chips.

Applebourn previously worked in the technology unit of the Israeli Army Intelligence Corps and is now co-chief executive officer of Sepio Systems in Gaithersburg, Maryland. His firm specializes in hardware security and was hired to scan several large data centers belonging to the telecommunications company. Bloomberg is not identifying the company due to Applebourn's nondisclosure agreement with the client. Unusual communications from a Supermicro server and a subsequent physical inspection revealed an implant built into the server's Ethernet connector, a component that's used to attach network cables to the computer, Applebourn said.

The executive said he has seen similar manipulations of different vendors' computer hardware made by contractors in China, not just products from Supermicro. "Supermicro is a victim -- so is everyone else," he said. Applebourn said his concern is that there are countless points in the supply chain in China where manipulations can be introduced, and deducing them can in many cases be impossible.

"That's the problem with the Chinese supply chain," he said.

Supermicro denies breach of security
Supermicro said after the earlier story that it "strongly refutes" reports that servers it sold to customers contained malicious microchips. China's embassy in Washington did not return a request for comment. In response to the earlier Bloomberg Businessweek investigation, China's Ministry of Foreign Affairs didn't directly address questions about the manipulation of Supermicro servers but said supply chain security is "an issue of common concern, and China is also a victim."

Supermicro shares plunged 41 percent after release of the security breach information, the most severe drop since it became a public company in 2007, following the Bloomberg Businessweek revelations about the hacked servers. They fell as much as 27 percent after the latest story.

The more recent manipulation is different from the one described in the Bloomberg Businessweek report last week, but it shares key characteristics: They're both designed to give attackers invisible access to data on a computer network in which the server is installed; and the alterations were found to have been made at the factory as the motherboard was being produced by a Supermicro subcontractor in China.

Based on his inspection of the device, Applebourn determined that the telecom company's server was modified at the factory where it was manufactured. He said that he was told by Western intelligence contacts that the device was made at a Supermicro subcontractor factory in Guangzhou, a port city in southeastern China. Guangzhou is 90 miles upstream from Shenzhen, dubbed the 'Silicon Valley of Hardware,' and home to giants such as Tencent Holdings Ltd. and Huawei Technologies Co. Ltd.

The tampered hardware was found in a facility that had large numbers of Supermicro servers, and the telecommunication company's technicians couldn't answer what kind of data was pulsing through the infected one, said Applebourn, who accompanied them for a visual

inspection of the machine. It's not clear if the telecommunications company contacted the FBI about the discovery. An FBI spokeswoman declined to comment on whether it was aware of the finding.

U.S. communications networks are an important target of foreign intelligence agencies, because data from millions of mobile phones, computers, and other devices pass through their systems. Hardware implants are key tools used to create covert openings into those networks, perform reconnaissance and hunt for corporate intellectual property or government secrets.

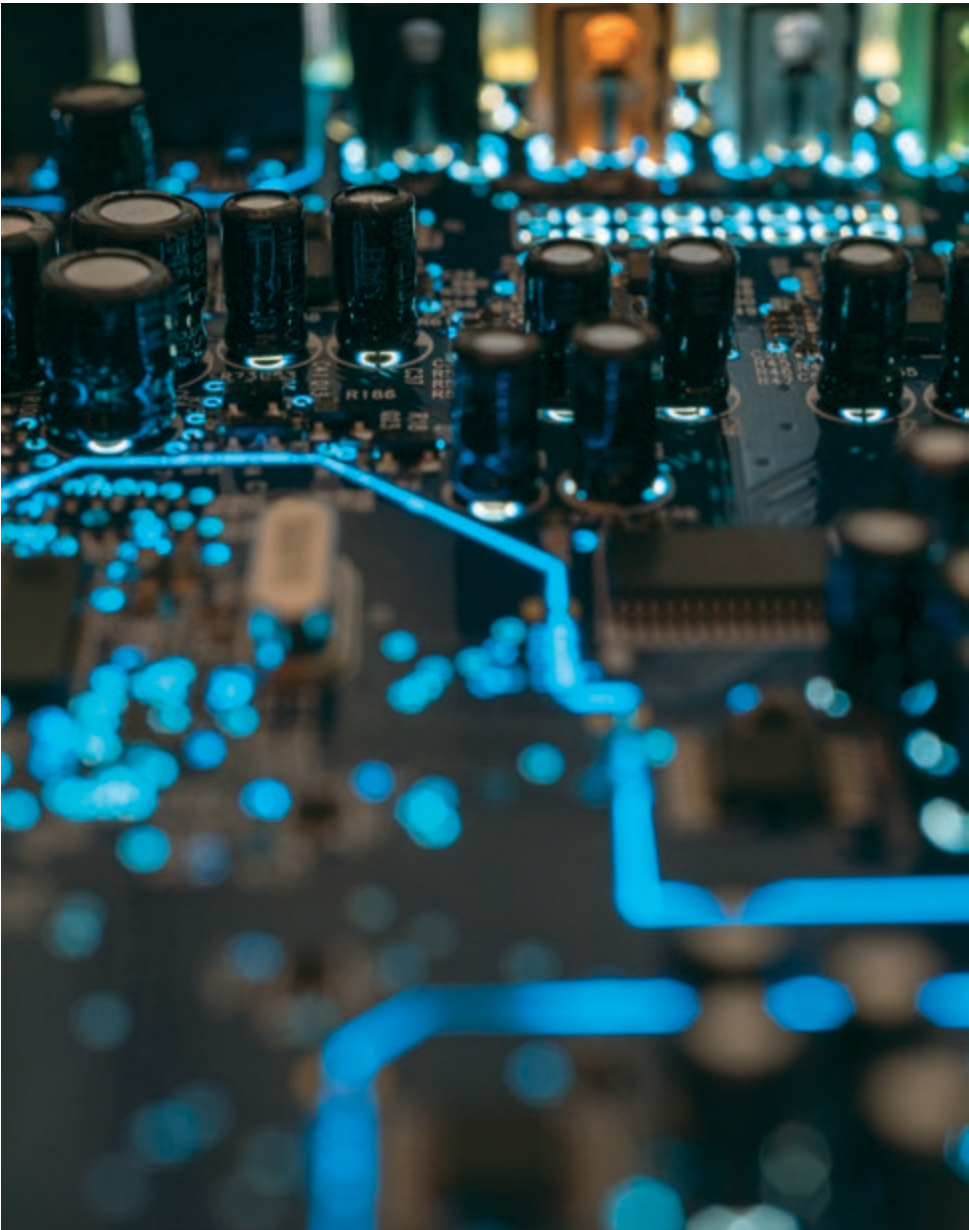
In Bloomberg Businessweek's report, one official said investigators found that the Chinese infiltration through Supermicro reached

almost 30 companies, including Amazon.com Inc. and Apple Inc.

Applebourn said that he's consulted with intelligence agencies outside the U.S. that have told him they've been tracking the manipulation of Supermicro hardware, and the hardware of other companies, for some time.

National security experts say a key problem is that, in a cybersecurity industry approaching \$100 billion in revenue annually, very little of that has been spent on inspecting hardware for tampering. That's allowed intelligence agencies around the world to work relatively unimpeded, with China holding a key advantage.

"For China, these efforts are all-encompassing," said Tony Lawrence, CEO of VOR Technology, a Columbia, Maryland-based contractor to the intelligence community. "There is no way for us to identify the gravity or the size of these exploits -- we don't know until we find some. It could be all over the place -- it could be anything coming out of China. The unknown is what gets you and that's where we are now. We don't know the level of exploits within our own systems." ■



Will 2017's Impressive Freight Forwarding Growth Continue In 2018?

This past summer, Transport Intelligence (TI) released its annual update of the global freight forwarding market, estimating growth at an impressive 8.0% in real terms (holding price growth and exchange rates constant). The growth represented a substantial improvement on the 2.7% real terms expansion seen in 2016. In fact, it was the strongest the market had seen since 2010, and took the overall value of global forwarding to €142,648m.

At the time, Ti put the growth down to a number of factors, including an improvement in wider economic conditions and higher international trade volumes over the course of 2017. Indeed, international trade of goods grew by between 5.2% and 5.5% in 2017, up from a range of 2.2%-2.3% in 2016, according to IMF data. In both advanced and emerging economies, there was a resurgence. In particular, improvements in the US, China and Japan, as well as the European Union, contributed to increased global

demand growth, which in turn has led to an upsurge in forwarders' volumes.

Another significant driver was the global restocking cycle, which drove a pick-up in air freight in particular. The global market for airfreight expanded 10.2% in 2017, thanks in large part to its ability to move goods quickly as retailers and manufacturers sought to meet demand as economic performance picked up. But restocking cycles are usually short-lived, and in the first-ever mid-year update of the freight forwarding market size, Ti has found that its positive effects on growth in the forwarding market will subside in 2018.

What does 2018 hold for the global forwarding market?

Ti's new mid-year market size figures, available across contract logistics, express and small parcels, European road freight and freight forwarding, provide an H1 growth figure and a full year forecast for 2018.



In the global forwarding market, growth of 4.9% year-over-year was recorded in H1 2018, with air freight forwarding expanding 5.3% and sea freight forwarding growing 4.3%. Analysis also reveals a real terms full-year growth forecast of 4.1% in 2018, as annual growth slips from the 8.0% seen in 2017, primarily as a result of the global restocking cycle coming to an end. As such, the market is expected to reach a value of \$160 billion in 2018.

In the Air Freight sector, Ti projects a growth rate in 2018 of 4.3%. This is some way below the annual growth seen in 2017, but again is a result

of the end of the restocking cycle which brought a large proportion of growth to the air freight market over the course of 2017. Sea freight is forecast to expand at a rate of 3.9% in 2018, which represents a slight decline in the annual growth rate. In both air and sea freight, Ti expects 2018 growth rates to come in below those seen in 2017, however, growth is still some way ahead of the averages seen between 2011-2016. This expected to remain the case, with the 5-year real compound annual growth rate (CAGR) for the global forwarding market a healthy 4.6%. **NICK BAILEY**, *Transport Intelligence*

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Boeing Expects Continuing Surge In Air Freight Market

Boeing expects freight traffic to climb by nearly 5 percent annually over the next two decades, pushing air cargo operators like Memphis, Tenn.-based FedEx and Bonn, Germany-based DHL to purchase more than 2,600 freighters.

Some 980 new medium and large freighters and 1,670 converted freighters will go toward replacing older airplanes and expanding the global fleet, according to the Chicago-based plane maker's World Air Cargo Forecast.

The company expects e-commerce shipments to increase 20 percent a year to roughly \$5 trillion by 2021. In order to meet the demand, the Chicago-based manufacturer estimated that freighter aircraft fleets will grow by nearly 75 percent, from 1,870 airplanes to 3,260. Boeing said it sold 128 freighters in last 22 months. ■



Customs and Border Protection Ramps Up Monitoring of E-Commerce Imports

The US Customs & Border Protection agency (CBP) is poised to ramp up measures to intercept illegal substances and counterfeit goods entering the country via e-commerce shipments.

Monitoring of incoming mail will be increased through a mandate for data on all shipments to be submitted in advance – and e-commerce arriving in consolidations is also going to be subject to closer scrutiny. Senior CBP personnel have recently indicated to the industry that new measures were in the pipeline. The agency is struggling to cope with a flood of parcels, with resources stretched further still by tariffs on a lengthy list of commodities from China.

Moreover, CBP is under political pressure to deploy effective means against the use of e-commerce to bring in illegal drugs, amid rising alarm about a fentanyl addiction epidemic in the US.

“They’re under tremendous pressure on the volume of shipments and patrolling goods coming in under de minimis, Section 321 shipments,” said Brandon Fried, executive director

of the US Airforwarders Association, referring to imported goods that are exempt from duties under the personal daily exemption rules. The de minimis threshold in the US is set at \$800.

E-commerce imports into the US are going through the roof. According to CBP, they have shot up from 1.4m daily at the beginning of this year to an estimated 2.1m shipments by August, and the agency has warned that this could rise to 2.5m daily shipments by the end of the year.

The administration has set its sights primarily on mail. On October 3rd the US Senate sent legislation to the White House to sign that will require the US Postal Service to send advance electronic data on incoming international shipments to CBP.

The bill mandates that, by December 31, data on 70% of all international mail must be transmitted before the goods reach the US border. By December 31, 2019, the threshold will rise to 100% of such shipments.

This will set mail in line with private courier companies, which have had to submit advance manifest data since 2002.

CBP is also looking to flows that enter the US via Canadian gateways.

According to the agency, a rising volume of e-commerce from China has been shipped to Canadian ports to be deconsolidated and moved by trucks, carrying hundreds of packages qualifying for de minimis exemption, which eliminates the need for clearance.

CBP intends to require Canadian trucking firms to file advance manifest data from January 1, 2019.

At the National Customs Brokers and Forwarders Association of America’s conference late last month, CBP acting deputy commissioner Robert Perez told delegates the agency intended to embark on an initiative similar to the Customs-Trade Partnership Against Terrorism program, established in the aftermath of the September 11 attacks. Shippers and logistics firms that participate in the scheme are less likely to have their shipments inspected.

CBP’s top brass have repeatedly declared that they want higher security and protection against illegal shipments through automation and data flow rather than physical inspection.



While this is reassuring for US importers and forwarders, they have faced problems with data flows to the agency.

At this point there is no facility in CBP’s Automated Commercial Environment, the conduit for automated clearance, to handle Section 321 shipments, the classification for de minimis traffic. All Section 321 shipments entering the US as cargo are processed with paper documentation, to the ongoing frustration of forwarders.

The agency has pledged to change this. Having obtained \$30m in a fiscal year appropriation to make changes to ACE in addition to its regular funding, CBP reiterated that automating Section 321 processing was a top priority, and announced that some of that additional money would be spent on the ability to receive manifest information for this traffic through its Automated Broker Interface. ■

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JFK Airport’s Terminal 4 Welcomes Kenya Airways

Kenya Airways marked a great milestone with the launch of a non-stop flight from Nairobi to New York’s JFK that started October 28th. Kenya Airways became the first airline to offer a non-stop flight between East Africa and the United States of America.

The airline already serves Africa, Europe, Middle-East, Indian sub-continent and Asia. The opening of the US destination completes an essential piece for Kenya Airways’ network, cementing its position as one of the leading African carriers.

“This is an exciting moment for us. It fits within our strategy to attract corporate and high-end tourism traffic from the world to Kenya and Africa. We are honored to contribute to the economic growth of Kenya and East Africa.” said Kenya Airways Group Managing Director and CEO Sebastian Mikosz.

With over 40 American multinationals located in Nairobi and many more across Africa, the launch of daily flights is expected to further spur trade between America and Africa.

Kenya Airways will offer its customers a unique travel experience between two great gateways. It will be the fastest connection from East Africa to New York, with a 15 hours duration eastbound and 14 hours westbound. The ultra-long-haul flight, unique to Kenya Airways network, will require 4 Pilots and 12 Flight attendants as well as 85 tons of fuel each way, making it an exceptional operation.

The airline will operate its state of the art Boeing 787 Dreamliner with a capacity of 234 passengers. The flight will depart every day from Jomo Kenyatta International Airport hub in Nairobi at 23:25 arriving at JFK airport in New York at 06:25 the following day. From New-York it will depart at 12:00 landing at JKIA at 10:30 the following day.

This convenient schedule will allow connections to and from over 40 African destinations through Kenya Airways hub in Nairobi.

The inaugural outbound flight from JFK to Nairobi had a very special passenger on board named Louie. Louie’s mom contacted the ARK at JFK to help coordinate travel for her puppy to Kenya. Luckily, JFK International Airport welcomed Kenya Airways into service and they were able to arrange the first ever AVI (Live Animal) shipment on their inaugural flight to get Louie home to his new mom. The owner’s relatives dropped Louie off to The ARK the night before his flight so that he would have a good rest, early breakfast, and begin preparing for his journey to Africa. On the morning of Louie’s non-stop flight, the ARK Pet Oasis team brought him to the Kenya Airways new cargo residence to get him checked in for the flight. They received permission from Kenya Airways to deliver Louie directly to the aircraft, providing the ultimate VIP experience. About 45 minutes pre-departure, Louie was chauffeured in a temperature controlled and branded ARK Pet Oasis vehicle to await his placement onto the flight.

Louie was safely loaded and secured in the aircraft’s temperature controlled and pressurized cargo hold where he rested for the trip. The doors opened in Nairobi, and Louie was carefully unloaded and brought for veterinary inspection by officials. He breezed through customs and was soon after united with his forever Mom. ■



How An Etihad-Emirates Merger Would Impact Air Cargo

Although rumors of talks of a merger between Emirates Airlines and Etihad Airways have been flatly denied by both airlines, such a move would dramatically impact the GCC air cargo sector.

There have been unsubstantiated rumors of a planned merger between Emirates and Etihad for several years, but they broke into the mainstream news cycle when Bloomberg reported that talks were underway, quoting four anonymous sources.

Both airlines responded unusually swiftly, issuing a firm denial of such reports. "There is no truth to this rumor," Emirates said in its statement.

But that hasn't stopped the logistics industry in the region from speculating on what a merger or close partnership between the airlines would mean, particularly for air cargo.

"The most obvious result of a merger between Emirates and Etihad is that it would create the world's largest cargo carrier in pure freight traffic terms," says Alexander Pieri, editor of Aviation Business Middle East. "Emirates SkyCargo is the second largest cargo carrier behind FedEx."

According to IATA World Air Transport Statistics for last year, FedEx carried 16.8bn freight ton kms (FTK).

It's unlikely that the combined entity would be able to hold that top spot for long though. The express and e-commerce markets that FedEx specializes in continue to grow at a much faster rate than the general cargo segment.

However, both Emirates and Etihad have recently rolled out specialized air cargo solutions for specific industry verticals. Emirates SkyCargo, for example, recently secured a deal with Alibaba's logistics arm, Cainiao to help transport its international shipments and grow the Chinese online retail e-commerce giant's global logistics infrastructure.

When the UAE's first freezone specifically for e-commerce operators, Dubai CommerCity, was announced, Emirates SkyCargo was the first air cargo operator to sign an MoU to work with Dubai CommerCity to develop new solutions for the global e-commerce sector.

"Every day Emirates SkyCargo transports a large volume of e-commerce shipments as part of our mail or general cargo offerings. We are



progressing to the next step where we cooperate more closely with e-retailers with the ultimate aim of getting products to customers even more quickly and cost effectively," said Nabil Sultan, Emirates' divisional vice president, cargo.

A merger between the airlines could ignite a tonnage war with the sector's other top operators, such as FedEx. The express logistics giant ordered 12 Boeing 767Fs and 12 B777Fs in June, adding to a further 47 B767Fs and five B777Fs already on order.

"Additional freighter capacity for Emirates and Etihad is likely to be in the form of belly-hold," says Pieri.

"The greatest challenge would be consolidating operations from the two airline's cargo hubs in Dubai and Abu Dhabi," adds Pieri. "From a business, cargo and passenger perspective it would seem sensible to focus all flights on a single hub but this could be difficult to accomplish."

LOADSTAR LOGISTICS, Middle East Staff

The ARK at JFK Announces Commencement of Equine Ground Handling Services

Effective October 15, 2018 The ARK at JFK initiated ground handling/drayage of equine cargo as a service to air carriers at JFK International Airport. The ARK provides state of the art equipment and licensed drivers and lift operators to safely and efficiently move equine cargo between its facility at Building 78A to and from cargo aircraft. To support this operation, The ARK has acquired a new fleet of articulating flatbed trailers and trucks, each able to transport 4 equine jet stalls. Additionally, The ARK's K-loader and certified scale streamlines equine operations on import and export and minimizes the movement of fully loaded jet stalls. TSA has certified The ARK as a Certified Cargo Screening Facility (CCSF), further enhancing security of equine cargo and chain of custody.

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ICE Clamping Down On Exports

The Department of Homeland Security's Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) continues to raise its presence in the enforcement of regulations with the aim to prevent sensitive U.S.-made weapons-capable technologies from getting into the hands of overseas terrorist and criminal groups, as well as sanctioned individuals and entities.

Leading this charge on behalf of the agency is its Counter-Proliferation Investigations (CPI) Program, which has been involved with export enforcement activities for the past three decades. Alysa Erichs, deputy executive associate director for ICE, told industry members of the Commercial Customs Operations Advisory Committee that the work of CPI continues to be a top priority for the agency.

ICE has long had the authority to investigate cross-border crime, including illegal exports. It uses a variety of measures to take down illegal exports, including border searches, detention and seizure, administrative subpoena, undercover operations and confidential informants.

In 2010, President Obama issued Executive Order 13558, which called on the establishment of the Export Enforcement Coordination Center requiring federal agencies with export enforcement oversight to "coordinate their efforts to detect, prevent, disrupt, investigate and prosecute violations of U.S. export control laws." Today, the center is managed and operated as part of DHS' Homeland Security Investigations and engages enforcement officials from the Commerce, State, Defense, Treasury and Energy departments, as well as the FBI and CIA.

Corporate export compliance officers might ask themselves why not just one export control agency instead of myriad federal agencies participating in this regulatory responsibility?

At the time of the executive order, the Obama administration announced the Export Control Reform as a means to modernize how the federal government manages export control regulations and improve enforcement coordination between agencies with export

responsibilities. The first two phases of the reform focused on reconciling various definitions, regulations and policies for export controls, while the third and final phase called for the creation of a single control list, single licensing agency and unified information technology system, in addition to the Export Enforcement Coordination Center. Phases one and two are now mostly complete.

However, the goal of the reform was to create a single agency for export enforcement activities. While the concept of a single export enforcement agency for the nation sounds like a good idea on the surface, it's probably better to continue having these different agencies, with their myriad missions and talents, working together through the Export Enforcement Coordination Center to take down what are often elaborate and deceitful schemes to illegally export U.S. technologies.

Controlled Space Communications Technology Finds Its Way to China

Take for example the recent case of California resident Si "Cathy" Chen, who was taken into custody in May 2017 and sentenced to 46 months in federal prison for illegally exporting controlled space communications technology to China.

According to court documents, from March

2013 to the end of 2015, Chen purchased and smuggled sensitive items to China without obtaining licenses from the Commerce Department, which are required under International Emergency Economic Powers Act (IEEPA). Those items included components commonly used in military communications "jammers." To avoid arousing suspicion, she undervalued the items on the shipping paperwork to negate the transparency of filing Automated Export System information. She also received payments for the illegal exports by using a family member's bank account in China.

In addition to ICE, this investigation included agents from Commerce's Office of Export Enforcement and the Defense Criminal Investigation Service, which further demonstrates the complexity with investigating these types of cases before an individual can actually be arrested and charged for wrongdoing.

It's also cases like these that make it more important than ever for U.S. exporters to invest in the necessary resources to sharpen their internal compliance and have a clear understanding of all the federal agencies involved with U.S. export control regulations in order not to become entangled in the illicit behavior of an individual or overseas affiliate involving their products. ■

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Beyond the Straw: Delta Removes Single-use Plastics Onboard, in Clubs

Youth Advisory Council and eco-friendly alternatives add to the global airline's ongoing, industry-leading sustainability work

Delta Air Lines is continuing the removal of a variety of single-use plastic items, including stir sticks, wrappers, utensils and straws from its aircraft and Delta Sky Clubs. The ongoing effort comes on the heels of the global airline's leading move to remove plastic wrap from international Main Cabin cutlery in April, and is expected to eliminate more than 300,000 pounds in plastic waste annually – that's more than the weight of two Boeing 757 aircraft.

Other moves contributing to Delta's long-time sustainability efforts include the elimination of unnecessary plastic wrapping from Delta One amenity kits, and reducing Styrofoam in the cafeterias at Delta's Atlanta headquarters in favor of compostable and/or reusable alternatives. Delta's Minneapolis office campus ditched Styrofoam altogether in 2015.

Additionally, Delta has formed a Youth Advisory Council to help guide the airline's efforts to minimize the use of single-use plastics and support other sustainability initiatives.

Delta customers will already notice red plastic straws and stir sticks being replaced in Delta Sky Clubs with environmentally friendly bamboo drink stirrers and birch stir sticks, and customers onboard will see the elimination of red plastic straws and stir sticks in favor of the same alternatives starting in mid-2019. Together, the changes will eliminate more than 183 million plastic straws and stir sticks from Delta's aircraft and clubs. Compostable straws will be available in clubs for customers upon request.

Delta's move to reduce unnecessary single-use plastics is part of its industry-leading sustainability strategy that drove a route analysis to better align the amount of food, beverage and other items on board with customer demand, resulting in significant reductions in waste and emissions. It also positioned Delta as the first U.S. airline to offer carbon offsets to customers and the only airline to voluntarily cap carbon emissions at 2012 levels by purchasing carbon offsets – more than 2.5 million in 2017 alone, and almost 9 million carbon offsets since it started. ■

UPS Expands My Choice Services

UPS is now offering its My Choice service in Africa, the Asia Pacific region, the Indian Sub-continent, Latin America and the Caribbean, the Middle East and Oceania. UPS announced the global expansion of UPS My Choice service to 96 additional countries and territories, bringing the total to 112 served.

With the entrance into countries and regions in Africa, Asia Pacific and the Indian Subcontinent, Caribbean and Central and South America, Middle East and Oceania, and an expansion in Europe, this package-delivery management service will be in the world's major e-commerce markets in time for the key holiday shipping season, UPS said. My Choice allows users to control delivery dates and locations.

The service includes actionable text alerts in many countries and territories. And in countries where technology allows delivery change options, users can route packages to UPS Access Point locations, send them to another address or opt for delivery on another day.

The largest expansion since My Choice's launch will bring the service to 96 additional countries and territories. This extensive expansion begins this month and is expected to be completed next year, when My Choice will cover a total of 112 countries and territories.

"Every UPS My Choice user will have access to e-mail notifications that a delivery is on its way, an alert the day before delivery with a delivery-window estimate, notification that package is out for delivery, and a notification that delivery is completed," said Nando Cesarone, president of UPS International. "With this expansion, shippers can benefit from fewer customer inquiries and missed deliveries, while consumers enjoy increased visibility and, in many cases, the opportunity to adjust delivery dates and locations."

There are currently more than 28,000 UPS Access Point locations worldwide, which include independently owned and operated businesses that offer customers a convenient and safe place to pick up shipments on their schedule.

UPS is investing in more than customer-focused IT. In September, they unveiled a transformation strategy to handle a 40% surge in package revenues and a 28% increase in cross-border e-commerce volumes by 2022. The growth program for the US parcels and logistics giant includes continued capital investment in its global network at previously announced levels.

This will see new and renovated facilities as well as aircraft and fleet assets coming online "at record levels" during the next four years. ■



Regionals See Challenges In Recruiting Mechanics

It's an oft repeated story, the dire need of mechanics to maintain and repair aircraft. And the regionals without the resources or flair of the major airports, are having an even more difficult time. **The Editor**

The top subject at the late-September meeting of the Regional Airline Association in Long Beach, California, was the shortage of pilots for regional flying. But many participants also mentioned an increasing challenge in recruiting and training mechanics.

For example, Brian Bedford is chair of RAA and CEO of Republic Airline, which now flies 189 Embraer 170s and 175s. Bedford believes his industry must find smarter ways to train mechanics who will have to use the high-tech equipment and predictive techniques of modern aircraft maintenance.

Dion Flannery is president of PSA Airlines, which now flies 132 aircraft, plans to have a 150-aircraft fleet and aspires to eventually grow even larger. PSA has expanded from two to eight maintenance bases, the latest in Pensacola, Florida. Flannery sees a tight supply of mechanics and has recently invested in a program to transition military mechanics to commercial work.

At PSA, experienced military maintenance mechanics, coming from either a fixed or rotary-wing background, can now receive up to \$10,000 to assist them in earning their airframe & powerplant license. PSA supports this military transition by sponsoring the full cost of the A&P course, FAA license testing, tools and toolbox. Once on board, the new commercial mechanics receive industry-leading first-year pay up to \$52,000. That is not much below the 2017 U.S. average of \$62,500 for all aircraft mechanics, junior, mid-career and senior.

The ex-military mechanics need only commit to stay three years with PSA to repay the carrier's investment in their shift to commercial maintenance. Flannery says PSA is seeing a very good reaction to the program. **HENRY CANADAY**, *First published in MRO Digest*



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Kabuki Russo, Youth Speaker at the Boy Scouts Luncheon

Kazuki Russo, just 14 years old was a wonderfully surprising guest speaker at the recent 2018 Aviation Luncheon, sponsored by the Queens Scouting, Boy Scouts of America on September 26, 2018 at the Cradle of Aviation.



Kazuki attends the Academy of Film and Television High School in Long Island City and started in the Cub Scouts at school, joined the Pack in the neighborhood, and eventually "crossed over" to the Troop. Kazuki came to be a "youth speaker" through the training program offered by the Boy Scouts of America, Greater New York Council, and was recommended by one of its organizers to speak at this event.

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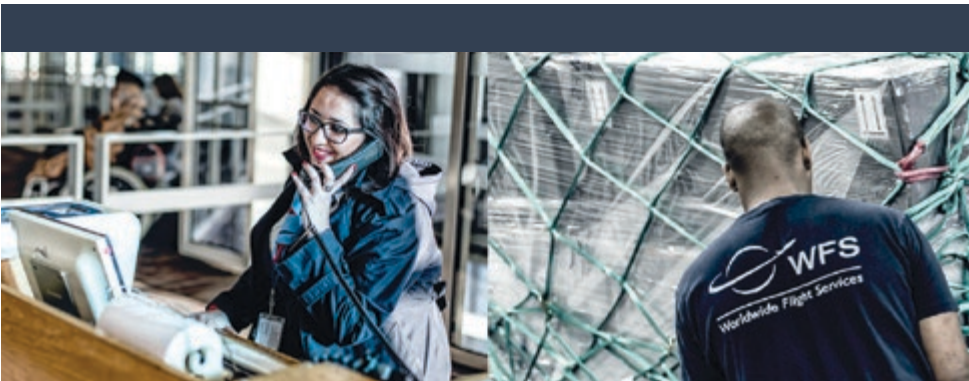
Other logistics firms also looking to increase workforce for the holiday rush

UPS said it plans to hire 40,000 new employees in a day of job fairs across the country, dubbing the Black Friday preparation "UPS Brown Friday."

The company plans to hire a total of 100,000 seasonal workers to meet holiday shipping demands, and it says the "one-day hiring blitz" was part of that effort. UPS held nearly 170 hiring fairs across the country, and said it hired thousands of candidates on the spot.

What's more, seasonal hires create a strong candidate pool for the employer. In the last three years, 35% of candidates who started off as seasonal employees went on to permanent positions after the holiday rush. In total, the company says more than 125,000 workers, about one-third of its workforce, started off as a seasonal hire.

With stronger than usual seasonal hiring needs this year, retailers, e-tailers and those in the logistics industry are looking to staff up quickly, to snag as much top talent as possible. The competition promises to be fierce, as some are increasing hourly rates to try to best their rivals. And for some, seasonal hiring has lost its "seasonal" quality entirely and has become a year-round endeavor. ■



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Schiphol Looks to Revamp Entire Cargo Strategy

Amsterdam Airport Schiphol is to re-think its strategy, examining all the airports in the group and its overall cargo plan for the Netherlands.

It is a year since the airport hit its capacity constraints, leading to the loss of slots for freighter operators.

Just a few months later, Schiphol absorbed its cargo department into its aviation marketing team, a move that surprised a market used to Schiphol's central focus on cargo and a general trend towards splitting cargo units into separate divisions.

But head of aviation marketing Maaïke van der Windt, said the decision had "been good". She added: "It gave the team a bigger and better voice, and there were also some synergies in the way we work. There were two marketing and communications teams, for example. It was intended to be a positive impact for cargo."

Ms. van der Windt was less positive about the slot position at Schiphol, which reached its capacity of 500,000 movements a year ago, with additional capacity expected to come

onstream in 2020, after a new agreement is reached.

The local cargo community has been pushing for a "local rule" on slots, one consequence of which would be to help freighter operators retain them. But Ms. van der Windt said she was not optimistic.

"There is a new rule being proposed, but there are not a lot of un-utilized slots so it won't necessarily make much difference because we are almost at capacity," she said. "There is a freighter component, but there are other components too – it's not just about freighter slots."

"The aim now is to maintain what we've got, and do what we can to support the airlines. And after 2020, we are keen to keep our position, but we are still developing our long-term vision and cargo will have a part."

The loss of slots caused some freighter operators, such as AirBridgeCargo, to move



operations to smaller airports like Liege, as well as Brussels, while accusations of protectionism were levelled at both hub carrier KLM and the airport.

The departure from cargo at Amsterdam to a different Netherlands airport could make operations more expensive and complicated for the key flower trade and increased focus on the pharmaceutical trade.

What has not stopped at Amsterdam is the focus on innovation, for which the airport has become famous. It is currently working on a proof of concept, and scaling up of 'Automated

Nomination' – essentially an AI-booster predictive analysis of cargo movements.

It is also working on a Compliance Checker – a digital solution for handlers to ensure a shipper and shipment is compliant. It is already in operation with one handler, but Ms. van der Windt added: "We want it to be generic, with an underlying IT structure. It's quite close to fruition and will be ready early next year."

"The ultimate goal is to have everything paperless to make us and all parties more efficient."

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A father and his young son were traveling through the Transportation Security Administration checkpoint at LaGuardia Airport on their way to Denver, and as the young boy began to remove his coat to go through the checkpoint, TSA officers saw that he had no shirt on beneath his coat. The father and son were escorted into a private screening room to complete the checkpoint screening process and that's where the father told TSA officers that all of their clothes had been placed in a checked bag and he was not aware that his son was not wearing a shirt until they arrived at the checkpoint.



Lead TSA Officer Ravi Rampersad with young boy who came to LaGuardia Airport with his coat, but no shirt. Rampersad and a colleague purchased a T-shirt for the young boy.

TSA PHOTO

With temperatures in Denver expected to dip into the 30s at night, the TSA officers were concerned that the young man would be cold with just a coat and no shirt. Two TSA officers excused themselves from the checkpoint, went over to a nearby airport shop and purchased an NYPD T-shirt for the boy. Both father and son expressed their thanks for the kind gesture as one of the TSA officers then went out of his way to escort the pair to their gate and took some snapshots to share with the two travelers.

"This simple act of kindness and empathy serves as an excellent example of how our TSA officers can and do make a difference in the lives of strangers," said TSA Federal Security Director Robert Duffy. "The officers involved in today's gesture are truly unsung heroes." ■

Jacksonville Airport Site of Improvised Wedding Ceremony

Hurricane Michael's landfall along the Florida Panhandle forced a Tallahassee couple to improvise by getting married inside Jacksonville International Airport.

Jim and Lorri Beary were originally planned to tie the knot at a Leon County courthouse on October 10. However, the building was closed due to the threat of Michael.



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Rather than postpone the wedding, the couple reached out to Selecia Young-Jones, who agreed to officiate at the airport so the couple could wed on the significant date and travel to Europe for their honeymoon as husband and wife.

"The 10th day of the 10th year of the 10th month decided that I had fallen in love with her, and I knew that one day we would be here," said Jim Beary. "Not at the airport, mind you, but I knew that we would be married."

The brief ceremony took place in a public space in front of total strangers.

"I knew that they'd be flying out and I thought, 'Well, it's a great atrium and a beautiful place and a public place,'" said Young-Jones. "This is indeed the most unique one I've done so far."

The couple said the unusual ceremony was fitting given that their mutual love of adventure is what brought them together in the first place.

The newlyweds enjoyed a 10-day honeymoon in Italy before returning home to celebrate their reception with family and friends. ■



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Honoring Richard Burkhardt, American Airlines, General Manager Cargo Services
Lawrence Yacht & Country Club, Lawrence, NY
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CIVIL AIR PATROL FALCON SQUADRON WINTER DINNER
La Baraka Restaurant, Little Neck, NY
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UPS Names Romaine Seguin President of Global Freight Forwarding

UPS announced that Romaine Seguin has been appointed president of UPS Global Freight Forwarding. She will oversee air, ocean, and rail freight forwarding as well as brokerage and supplier management for the 220 countries and territories UPS serves around the world. Seguin began her career with UPS in the Missouri District in 1983 as a part-time hub supervisor and most recently was president of the UPS Americas Region.

She'll relocate from Miami to Atlanta and said, "I look forward to working with the Global Freight Forwarding team to continue addressing our customer's primary concern of visibility into their global supply chain. We will continue enhancing our suite of services with improved tracking and actionable insights to ensure our customers can meet their customers' expectations."

Throughout her career, she has held a variety of operational and management roles including serving as the ramp and division manager in Louisville, Ky. responsible for the opening of the very first automated test wing at the company's global air hub, UPS Worldport™. She has been managing director of UPS's Gulf South District and Minnesota District as well as chief operating officer, of the UPS Europe, Middle East and Africa Region.

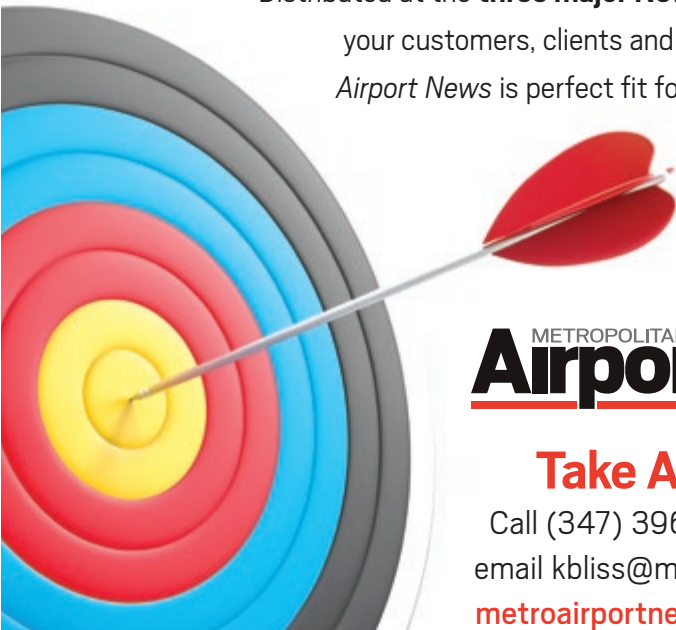
As president of the UPS Americas Region, Seguin was responsible for all UPS package and cargo operations in Canada and more than 50 countries and territories, as well as the UPS Supply Chain Solutions operations throughout Latin America, Miami and the Caribbean.

Seguin volunteers on several boards, including the Florida International University (FIU) School of Business Dean's Council, the board of Trustees of William Woods University, the United Way of Miami-Dade board, the Conferencia Latinoamericana de Compañías Express (CLADEC) board – Latin America Conference of Express Companies, and the World Trade Center Miami's board of Directors, of which she served as Chair-Elect during 2017. ■



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Special Olympics Plane Pull at EWR

If you've ever wondered just how fast you could pull a 93,000 lb. aircraft 12-feet down the tarmac, you would have been able to find out at the United Airlines Plane Pull at Newark Liberty International Airport, because that's where the annual event hosted by United Airlines, the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey and the NJ Law Enforcement Torch Run to benefit Special Olympics New Jersey recently took place.

Now in its 22nd year, the Plane Pull allows teams of co-workers, families and friends to get together to compete for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Place trophies in three different categories:

The Fastest Pull: How quickly a team of 20 people can move the aircraft in the least amount of SECONDS!

The Lowest Combined Weight: The least number of people having the lowest combined weight to move the aircraft 12 feet, in 2 minutes.

The Highest Fundraising Team: The most dollars contributed as of check-in time at the event. A trophy is also awarded to the Highest Individual Fundraiser and just for fun — the Most

Creative Team Costumes can vie for 1st and 2nd Place as well, and all for a worthy cause!

This fundraising event helps to support the mission of the Special Olympics, which is to provide year-round sports training and athletic competitions in a variety of Olympic-type sports for children and adults with intellectual disabilities by giving them the opportunity to develop physical fitness, while experiencing the camaraderie of other athletes in the Special Olympics community, family, friends and society as a whole.

And what makes this year's events so special is the fact that Special Olympics New Jersey is celebrating its 50th Anniversary.

Anyone who would like to join the celebration by participating, volunteering, supporting future campaigns, or even getting in on next year's Plane Pull event can get more information at:

50years@ or by calling (609) 896-8000.

Over 500 people were part of this year's Plane Pull raising more than \$165,000.00! ■



PA Approves Improvements for JFK Runway

The Port Authority Board of Commissioners has approved a \$355 million rehabilitation project for Runway 13L-31R at John F. Kennedy International Airport which includes repaving it with more durable concrete instead of asphalt and adding a new high-speed taxiway that will allow aircraft to exit the runway faster, thereby saving travelers time.

The 10,000-foot-long Runway 13L-31R which runs East/West on the North side of the airport is one of JFK's four runways handling about half of its arriving planes, and the runway refurbishment is part of the Port Authority's program of airport infrastructure improvements focused on enhancing safety and reducing flight delays.

Port Authority Chairman Kevin O'Toole notes: "Runway rehabilitation is an essential part of the Port Authority's state-of-good-repair initiatives at its airports and our continuing efforts to ensure world-class operations. This infrastructure investment will enhance the efficiency of aircraft movements on the ground, while the use of concrete will shorten the project's timetable and increase the lifespan of the runway."

The concrete's durability will be good for up to 40 years, in comparison to asphalt which only lasts 10-12 years. Plus, the construction of a new high-speed taxiway and taxiway realignment will not only improve runway operations, but reduce runway occupancy time by an average of about six seconds per arrival which will save passengers approximately 1,000 hours in delays and taxiing time annually.

According to FAA calculations, that also translates into a combined savings of around \$9 million for both airlines and passengers.

The temporary closure of Runway 13L-31R is scheduled to begin in April 2019, and slated to run through the end of the year.

The rehabilitation work is expected to generate 1,880 total jobs, with an additional \$140.6 million in wages and produce nearly \$385 million in economic activity.

During the life of the project the Port Authority will be working to coordinate flight schedules and day-to-day airport operations with the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) to ensure minimal impact and inconvenience on travelers. ■

Norwegian Air Changes Service from SWF

Norwegian Air will be ending its direct flight service from New York Stewart International Airport to Edinburgh, Scotland and Belfast, Northern Ireland.

According to the company's statement the last flight to Belfast is set for October 26, 2018, and the last flight to Edinburgh will be on March 29, 2019.

The airline, which recently celebrated a milestone in flying over 250,000 passengers from the U.S. to Dublin, Ireland in just 14 months, will continue flights to that destination — and service was even increased to two daily flights earlier this year. Flight service to Shannon, Ireland will remain uninterrupted.

Norwegian Air began operations at Stewart Airport in June 2017, since then the passenger count has more than doubled.

The Port Authority of New York and New Jersey which manages Stewart and the region's three other airports, recently approved a \$30 million expansion plan that includes the construction of a permanent U.S. Customs and Border Protection inspection area. ■



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