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## Port Authority Board Approves Minimum Wage Increase for Airport Workers

Increases apply to all workers at JFK, LaGuardia and  
Newark Liberty who will earn minimum of \$19/hour by 2023



The Port Authority Board of Commissioners unanimously adopted an expanded minimum wage policy for JFK International, LaGuardia and Newark Liberty International airports that will bring the wages of thousands of airport workers to \$19/hour by 2023. The announcement was made on September 27th in a conference call.

The new policy will benefit the traveling public by reducing staff turnover and providing an experienced, well-trained, motivated workforce that can better assist in responding to an emergency, identifying security issues, operating equipment safely, and providing experienced customer service.

The policy adopted by the Board will increase and ultimately align the wages of workers at the three airports, including a \$2/hour increase for workers at Newark beginning on November 1, 2018. This represents a nearly \$4/hour increase for workers at Newark Airport – primarily catering workers – who were not covered under the previous \$10.10 minimum policy.

The campaign to raise wages ended in victory for as many as 40,000 airport workers who

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## Survey Says “North American Airports Improve Customer Satisfaction”

North American airports have achieved a record high in overall passenger satisfaction levels, according to the JD Power’s 2018 *North America Airport Satisfaction Study*.

The study, released on September 19th reports across-the-board improvements in five factors: check-in; food, beverage and retail; accessibility; terminal facilities; and baggage claim. All, says the report, helped drive overall passenger satisfaction to 761 (on a 1,000-point scale), 12 points higher than last year’s study.

“North America airports have been doing a tremendous job managing passenger volume, adding amenities, and keeping travelers moving despite some noteworthy challenges, but they will be put to the true test over the next few years,” says Michael Taylor, travel practice

lead at JD Power. “Several multi-billion-dollar airport construction projects – such as those in New York, Boston, Los Angeles and Chicago – are reaching phases in which passenger disruption and increased traffic will be incredibly hard to avoid.

“How well these rapidly expanding airports manage throughout these infrastructure projects will provide valuable insight into what’s in store on a nationwide basis.”

Las Vegas McCarran International Airport and Orlando International Airport rank highest, in a tie, in passenger satisfaction among “mega airports”, each with a score of 781. Detroit Metropolitan Wayne County Airport (775) ranks third and Denver International Airport (771) ranks fourth. California’s John



Wayne Airport ranks highest among large airports, with a score of 815. Dallas Love Field (810) ranks second and Portland International Airport (804) ranks third.

Buffalo Niagara International Airport ranks highest among medium airports, with a score of 814. Indianapolis International Airport (811)

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are now on a path to earning at least \$19 an hour, the highest minimum wage target set by any public agency in the country. The pay increase, which was approved unanimously by the commissioners of the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey, will raise the wages of tens of thousands of workers over the next five years.

New York Governor Andrew Cuomo said. “This campaign is about respect and paying a fair living wage for honest work in an industry that depends on its employees to safely operate some of the most important public facilities in our nation – our airports. In New York, we stand with workers and we will always serve as a beacon of progress and opportunity for all.”

“I have long advocated for a living wage for airport workers at the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey. With today’s vote, the agency has made it clear that they have heard the voices of approximately 40,000 airport workers who will be impacted by increased wages on both sides of the Hudson,” said New Jersey Governor Phil Murphy.

“This is an historic day for the Port Authority. We’d like to express our sincere thanks to the nearly 800 people who submitted written comments, and the hundreds of airport workers who attended our meetings and shared their stories over the years,” said Port Authority Chairman Kevin O’Toole. “Today’s action will not only make a difference in the lives of airport workers but will enhance security and improve customer service at all of our facilities.”

“There’s no doubt that this new policy will greatly benefit the traveling public,” said Port Authority Vice Chairman Jeffrey Lynford. “Better wages and benefits will result in significantly reduced staff turnover, allowing for better trained and observant employees who can assist in our overall security efforts as well as in emergency situations. It also will improve workplace morale and productivity.”

“The safe and efficient operation of the Port Authority’s airports hinges on a stable,

motivated, engaged workforce which can enhance overall security efforts and assist customers in an experienced, knowledgeable and positive fashion,” said Port Authority Executive Director Rick Cotton.

“This is going to be the highest targeted minimum wage anywhere in the country,” said Hector J. Figueroa, president of 32BJ Service Employees International Union, which represents many of the workers. “That’s a significant breakthrough.

Under the new policy, workers at Newark would see their wages increase from the current \$10.45 to \$12.45 as of November 1, 2018 and to \$15.60 by September 1, 2019 – at which point they would be equal to the wages of workers at JFK and LaGuardia. Workers at the two New York airports currently earn a minimum wage of \$13 in line with New York State’s minimum wage law, sponsored by Governor Cuomo in 2016. The wages at JFK and LaGuardia airports would rise to \$13.60 on November 1, 2018. New York’s minimum wage goes to \$15 on January 1, 2019. Thereafter, the minimum wage of all airport workers would increase in parallel to \$15.60 on September 1, 2019 to \$16.20 in 2020, to \$17 in 2021, to \$18 in 2022 and to \$19 in 2023.

As part of its analysis, the Port Authority found that more than 30 percent of privately employed workers at Port Authority airports turn over every year, with the turnover rate having increased by 50 percent since 2010. Other airports, meanwhile, report turnover rates as low as 6 percent. The high level of turnover at Port Authority airports limits the ability of airport workers to play a critical security role at the airports.

In adopting the wage policy, the Port Authority anticipates that its actions will help reduce employee turnover, while increasing workers’ job performance and creating a more stable workforce that will allow for an enhanced focus on safety and security. The agency believes that more experienced workers will be more knowledgeable about security processes and be better able to respond to emergencies at the region’s major airports. A detailed examination of the connection between workforce turnover and airport security at major airports is presented in the “Analysis and Justification” memo and available here. ■

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ranks second and Fort Myers/Southwest Florida International (810) ranks third.

The 2018 North America Airport Satisfaction Study measures overall traveler satisfaction with mega, large, and medium North America airports by examining six factors (in order of importance): terminal facilities; airport accessibility; security check; baggage claim; check-in/baggage check; and food, beverage and retail.

Now in its 13th year, the JD Power’s *North America Airport Satisfaction Study* study is based on responses from 40,183 North America travelers who travelled through at least one domestic airport and covers both departure and arrival experiences (including connecting airports) during the past three months. Travelers evaluated either a departing or arriving airport from their round-trip experience. ■

## U.S. Transportation Hiring On a Roll

In a September 7<sup>th</sup> blog in *American Shipper*, it was reported that Logistics firms added another 20,200 jobs in August, bringing the year-to-date total to 112,800 new positions. Employment at U.S.-based transportation and logistics companies surged in August, and hiring figures for July were much stronger than originally predicted.

Employment gains in the sector during August were broad-based, with only two of the 10 specific sectors tracked by the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) registering declines. The largest increases were seen in the truck transportation and transit and ground passenger segments, which added 5,700 and 5,000 jobs, respectively, followed by the couriers and messenger’s segment, up 3,800 jobs; support activities for transportation, up 2,600 positions; warehousing and storage, up 2,400 jobs; air transportation, up 800 positions; and scenic and sightseeing transportation, up 500 jobs.

Employment was flat in water transportation, while the rail and pipeline segments shed 300 jobs each.

Total U.S. non-farm payroll employment increased by 201,000 in August compared with the previous month, and the unemployment rate remained unchanged at 3.9 percent, according to BLS. ■

# Forwarders Wary of Peak Season and Congested Airports

As the peak season approaches, apprehension is on the rise.

Securing enough lift may be the biggest concern for forwarders, but many fear that this is only part of the battle; they are looking nervously at big airports which buckled under the volume of cargo a year ago. Major gateways like JFK and Frankfurt suffered lengthy delays in the 2017 peak season: at Germany's premier airport, trucks waited up to 20 hours for a slot to collect freight, one forwarder recalled.

Airline executives acknowledge that last year saw serious bottlenecks. For United Airlines, the hubs at Newark and San Francisco were the biggest problems, said Jan Krems, president of United Cargo.

"We had to change infrastructure, we had to build in height as opposed to width," he added.

However, according to him, both gateways are ready for this year's peak surge. American Airlines has made changes at Miami and Dallas/Fort Worth to boost capacity, such as installing additional racking, reported Roger Samways, vice-president of cargo sales.

The carrier has also obtained new equipment and hired more staff to get ahead of volume growth, steps that have paid off, not only

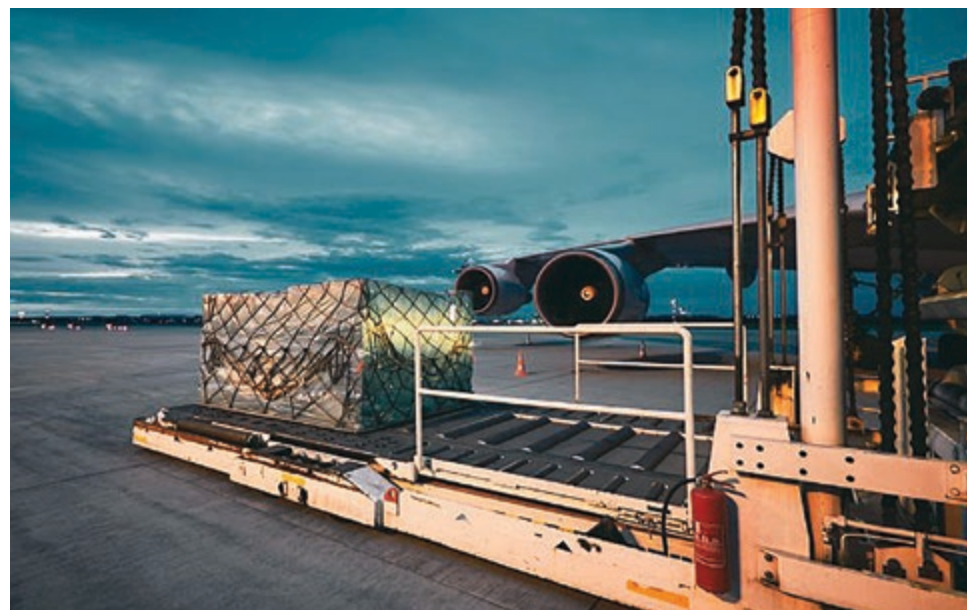
in terms of boosting capacity but also improving performance. To date, in every month bar one, American's operational performance has been better than in the corresponding month in 2017, Mr. Samways added.

At Chicago O'Hare, Nippon Cargo Airlines invested over \$3.5m in equipment, such as main deck loaders, transporters and racking, and it expanded its ground lease to include three parking spots for 747-8 freighters behind its facility. It also obtained dedicated labor from its ground handler.

"This will allow us to avoid any congestion issues at O'Hare," said Shawn McWhorter, president for the Americas.

Team has taken a number of steps to cope with capacity issues. According to Mr. Imbriani, this aspect is less of a worry now.

"What is becoming a bigger concern is retrieval from the airlines upon arrival in the US. Even before peak season, waiting times at airlines across the country have been increasing significantly. A waiting time of four to six hours at major airports is not uncommon and is spreading to secondary airports as well," he said.



"We are trying to address this by putting trucks in very early morning or, if possible, late evening, working with the airlines directly to see how they can improve the situation," he continued.

One forwarder said more infrastructure work was needed to resolve these issues and airports have failed to address this. "We definitely do have concerns and have been taking some actions both with our partners and clients," said Bob Imbriani, executive vice-president, international at Team Worldwide.

One of the strategies Team has embraced is trying to find alternative routing for traffic to avoid the congested hubs. Rickenbacker Airport, which has attracted a number of international freighter operations in recent years, has been one alternative gateway, but there is still limited lift from many origins, Mr. Imbriani noted.

Moreover, alternative gateways often do not sit well with consolidation programs, so they are mostly of interest for ad hoc charters, one forwarder added. ■



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# World Trade Saw Its Largest Monthly Contraction of the Year in August

World trade fell 1.3% at the end of last month, with Asian exports expected to fare particularly badly in the coming months.

According to figures from Kuehne + Nagel's data company, LogIndex, the sharpest slowdown will be seen in emerging markets. Its report notes: "A major setback in exports is expected in South Korea, Japan, Taiwan, India and Brazil."

It adds that global industrial production will reach its lowest monthly increase since July 2015. "Foreign trade will reach negative territory in South Korea, Taiwan, and Japan (YoY). In particular, exports are expected to fall strongly in South Korea (-11.8%), Japan (-10.2%), India (-9.8%), Taiwan (-8.0%), and Brazil (-4.8%). "Also, Chinese export growth, YoY, will likely slow down from 12.2% in July to 7% in August and 4.5% in September."

The data appears to be in line with dampening air freight rates, released by the TAC Index. Drewry also released its East-West Airfreight Price Index, showing a 3% month-on-month decline in July, which was up only 2% year on year. The steepest falls were Asia-Europe westbound, down 12% month monthly, and 8% down year on year, and transpacific westbound, down 13% monthly and 12% y/y.

Kuehne + Nagel, which claimed July had been a strong month, said the trade tariffs had now begun to bite, and predicted a weak September.

"World trade is cooling off and the downturn will likely accelerate in September. It seems that the trade disputes are beginning to hit the real economy. As for August, over 70% of the economies are experiencing a decreasing dynamic with declining year-on-year rates."

US ports data shows June and July saw a bump in imports as shippers moved before tariffs were imposed. But the ports are now bracing for the worst, with Los Angeles predicting a 20% drop in volumes if the latest 25% tariffs on \$200bn-worth of Chinese goods are imposed, which could happen as soon as this week. ■

## John Selden Tapped As New General Manager at ATL



Atlanta Hartsfield, the busiest airport in the United States has appointed John Selden as General Manager. Selden's previous job was deputy general manager of John F. Kennedy International Airport. The assignment was effective as of October 1st. The appointment was announced on September 11th by Atlanta Mayor Lance Bottoms.

Selden, a US Naval Academy graduate, and former Navy pilot, he has served at the Pentagon and in Puerto Rico, among other assignments, as well as serving on active duty in Desert Storm.

He has been at JFK since 2008. Selden has served as the deputy director where he oversees customer service, rail access, security, maintenance, finance, commercial development and physical infrastructure investment, since 2014.

Prior to his assignment at JFK, Selden had first-hand experience as a commercial airline pilot. "I am excited that we have identified someone with the qualifications and passion of John Selden to lead our airport into the future," Bottoms says.

Selden was one of five finalists selected by a search committee led by UPS CEO and Chairman David Abney and Carol Tome, chief financial officer and executive vice president at The Home Depot.

These are tumultuous times at ATL. The Georgia Senate is studying a possible state takeover of the airport. There also are ongoing federal and Federal Aviation Administration investigations into various issues at the airport.

Selden would become the fourth person to hold the role, either temporarily or permanently, since 2016. He would replace Balram Bheodari, interim general manager, who has been on the job since former GM Roosevelt Council became the city's chief financial officer in June. Former Mayor Kasim Reed fired Council's predecessor, Miguel Southwell, in 2016. ■



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# New Partnership Between the EU and Latin America Aims to Improve Aviation Safety

Latin America is creating a new partnership with the European Aviation Safety Agency (EASA).

The EU has begun a new project, estimated to cost 10 Million USD with Latin America, to improve aviation security and strengthen partnership between the two.

The new four-year project will invest €7 million in improvement of aviation safety and promote the political, economic and environmental partnership between the EU and Latin America in the domain of civil aviation.

It will focus primarily upon Argentina, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Mexico and the regional safety oversight organizations (RSOOs).

RSOOs are a means through which a group of States collaborate, share best practices, safety oversight tasks and resources, with the aim of establishing and maintaining an effective aviation safety system. The EU is the RSOO for Europe, and there are many more of these groups around the world.

Caribbean Aviation Safety and Security Oversight System, the first RSOO of its kind in aviation, aims at facilitating the growth and development of aviation in the region through training, resource sharing, harmonization of policies and procedures among other areas as its Member States seek to uphold the highest standards of safety and security in aviation.

It is hoped that as a result of this new union, other states around the world will also follow suit.

Luc Tytgat, Strategy and Safety Management Director of EASA, said “Latin America has a fast-developing aviation sector and a long-standing relationship with Europe and



EASA in this area. With this project, we are taking this partnership to the next level.

“It is an ambitious project that will cover a wide range of areas of mutual interest and we look forward to working closely with our Latin American and Caribbean partners. In addition, the project aims to promote closer cooperation also between the EU and Latin America and Caribbean aviation industry actors.”

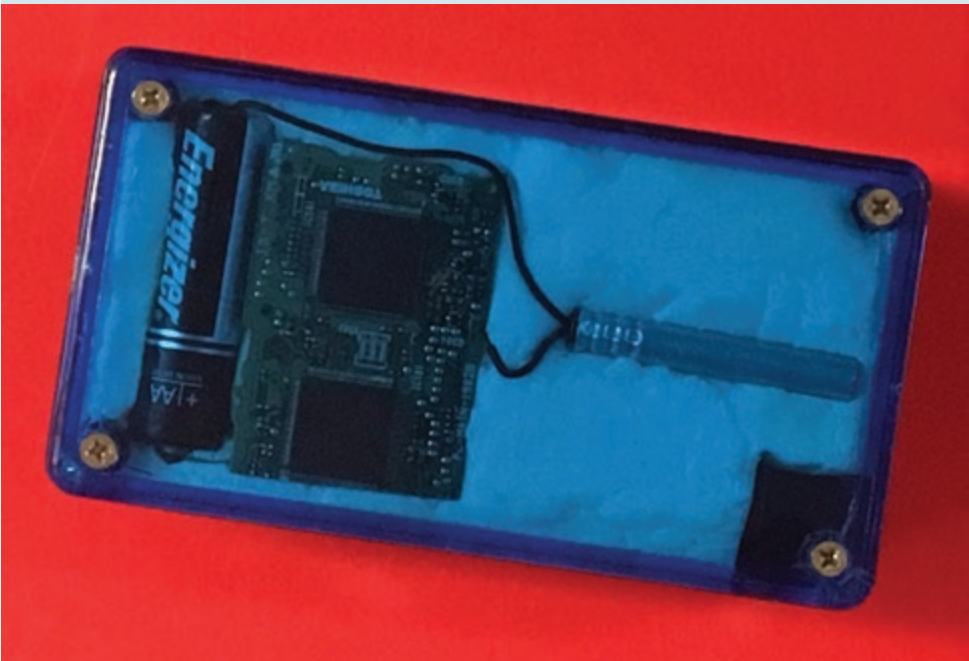
The project areas of activities will also include environmental policy and technical co-operation based on EU standards. ■

## Fake IED Device Closes TSA Lanes At Newark Airport

A Transportation Security Administration officer spotted what looked like an improvised explosive device in a man's carry-on bag, resulting in the temporary closure of several security screening lanes at Newark Liberty International Airport until authorities could determine that the item was not the bomb that it was designed to mimic.

The man was traveling to Florida to participate in a training event focused on X-ray detection of explosive devices and as such, he was carrying a test item that was built and designed to mimic a fully-assembled bomb when viewed on an X-ray monitor. Indeed, the item was a realistic replica explosive device.

TSA officials notified Port Authority Police, who responded to the scene and after conferring with TSA explosives experts, officials contacted the Essex County Bomb Squad to ensure that the item was inert. ■



## False Bottom Trick Does Not Work At JFK

A traveler had more than clothes in her suitcase when she arrived at New York's John F. Kennedy International Airport. Fortunately, U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) officers were there to stop her in her tracks.

On August 21, CBP officers intercepted passenger Ms. Jazmin Alexis Jones, a United States citizen, arriving from Port of Spain, Trinidad. During her examination, CBP officers detected that the bottom of Ms. Jones's suitcase felt unusually thick. CBP officers escorted Ms. Jones to a private search room where a false bottom was discovered in the suitcase, it was probed revealing a white powder that tested positive for cocaine.

Ms. Jones was arrested for the importation of a controlled substance and was turned over to Homeland Security Investigations (HSI). The cocaine weighed approximately 5 lbs. with an estimated value of \$75,000.

“This seizure demonstrates the vigilance and dedication demonstrated daily by CBP officers at our port of entries while keeping these dangerous narcotics off the streets of our communities,” said Frank Russo, CBP's Acting Director of the New York Field Office.

Ms. Jones now faces federal narcotics smuggling charges and will be prosecuted by the U.S. Attorney's Office in the U.S. Eastern District Court of New York. All defendants are considered innocent unless and until proven guilty. ■



# United Adding Naples and Prague To International Routes

United Airlines is adding three high-profile international routes – including two entirely new destinations – as it pushes ahead with an aggressive international expansion.

The new destinations – Naples, Italy, and Prague – will both be served from United’s hub at Newark Liberty International Airport. United will become the only airline to fly to Naples from anywhere in North America once the service launches May 22.

The third route is a new European link for the airline’s San Francisco hub; nonstop service to Amsterdam begins March 30. United also confirmed that two seasonal European routes – Newark-Reykjavik, Iceland, and Newark-Porto, Portugal – will return to the schedule in May 2019 after debuting this year. ■



## British Airways Website and App Hacked

British Airways is investigating a data breach that the airline says compromised the personal and financial details of customers making bookings on BA.com and on the carrier’s app.

The breach lasted between Aug. 21 and Sept. 5, but has now been resolved, British Airways said. “We are deeply sorry for the disruption that this criminal activity has caused,” British Airways CEO Alex Cruz said in a prepared statement. “We take the protection of our customers’ data very seriously.”

Approximately 380,000 card payments were compromised by the breach, British Airways told CNBC. The airline said it is communicating with affected customers and advised customers who believe they have been compromised to contact banks or credit card providers. ■

# JetBlue Links With Flykargo for Cargo Solutions

JetBlue Airways has entered into a partnership with FlyKargo, a Miami-based cargo solutions provider, for the transportation of freight between Fort Lauderdale International and San Juan Luis Muñoz Marín in Puerto Rico.

Services will begin with a traditional air-to-air offering and will gradually include door pickup and delivery extension in additional markets. FlyKargo will sell excess capacity and organize the transportation of cargo on scheduled passenger flights operated by the LCC.

JetBlue quit the cargo market in 2015 and has not offered the excess belly-hold capacity to freight forwarders ever since.



The three-month pilot project will commence on October 15, 2018. If successful, it would be expanded to cover more destinations.

“JetBlue is perfectly positioned to benefit the rapidly growing e-commerce package delivery market by helping to deliver those packages in the shortest possible time. We are excited about the prospects of growing revenue cargo and are taking a lead to innovate in this space with a partner that has demonstrated their ability to understand the industry’s current needs and quickly roll out a smart solution, while offering the expertise and connections to evolve with the market in the future,” JetBlue Director (Customer Experience Effectiveness) Rob Martinelli said.

The airline currently offers 28 weekly roundtrips between Fort Lauderdale and San Juan, using a mix of A320-200s and EMB-190s. The LCC is the market leader in the Puerto Rican capital with a total of 189 weekly departures and a 36.4% market share by capacity. ■

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# IATA Says Global Passenger Number Top 4 Billion for First Time

Worldwide annual air passenger numbers exceeded 4 billion for the first time in 2017, supported by a broad-based improvement in global economic conditions and lower average airfares, the International Air Transport Association (IATA) announced.

At the same time, airlines connected a record number of cities worldwide, providing regular services to over 20,000 city pairs in 2017, more than double the level of 1995. Such increases in direct services improve the industry’s efficiency by cutting costs and saving time for both travelers and shippers alike, the airline trade organization says.

“In 2000, the average citizen flew just once every 43 months. In 2017, the figure was once every 22 months,” says Alexandre de Juniac, IATA’s director general and CEO. “Flying has never been more accessible. And this is liberating people to explore more of our planet for work, leisure and education.”

System-wide, airlines carried 4.1 billion passengers on scheduled services in 2017, an increase of 7.3 percent, the IATA data shows. Airlines in the Asia-Pacific region carried the largest number of passengers and accounted for 36.3 percent of the total. Europe followed with a 26.3 percent market share, North America with a 23 percent market share, Latin America with 7 percent, the Middle East with 5.3 percent and Africa with 2.2 percent.

North America had the slowest rate of growth, up 3.2 percent to 941.8 million passengers. Asia-Pacific was the most dynamic region with passenger numbers advancing 10.6 percent to 1.5 billion.

American Airlines was the largest carrier in 2017, ranked by total scheduled passenger kilometers, followed by Delta Air Lines and United Airlines. Emirates Airlines and Southwest Airlines round out the top five.

On the cargo side, tonnage of freight and mail increased 9.9 percent in 2017, outstripping a capacity increase of 5.3 percent. ■

## Virgin Australia Upgrades Boeing 737 MAX Order

Virgin Australia has upscaled its Boeing 737 MAX order, swapping out 10 MAX 8s for the largest member of the family, the MAX 10.

The airline will receive the first of the MAX 10s in 2022, with its remaining MAX 8 order for 30 due to be handed over between 2019 and 2021.

“We are pleased to be welcoming the 737 MAX 10 aircraft into our expanding fleet in 2022,” Virgin Australia Group chief financial officer Geoff Smith said. “The addition of the 737 MAX 10 will provide us with additional flexibility and capability to support our network and operations... we look forward to the opportunities that operating this type of aircraft will open up to us.”

VA is expected to use the larger aircraft on the busy Sydney-Melbourne-Brisbane routes. The MAX 10 can seat up to 230 passengers, but Virgin is expected to operate the aircraft at a lower seat density.

Australia’s second largest airline after Qantas currently operates a fleet that includes 80 Boeing 737-800s for its domestic and regional routes, and Boeing 777-300ERs and Airbus A330-200s on busier regional routes and to longer-haul destinations. ■



# Southwest and Alaska Airlines Rolling Out New Policy Relative To Emotional Support Animals

The changes are designed to make the policies easier for customers to understand and went into effect on September 17th.

“We welcome emotional support and trained service animals that provide needed assistance to our customers,” said Steve Goldberg, Senior Vice President of Operations and Hospitality. For Southwest, “however, we want to make sure our guidelines are clear and easy to understand while providing customers and employees a comfortable and safe experience.”

Southwest officials spoke to advocacy groups that represent customers with disabilities in order to make the new guidelines.

Customers traveling with ESAs will still need to present a complete, current letter from a medical doctor or licensed mental health professional on the day of departure.

In alignment with recent DOT guidance, Southwest will accept only the most common service animals like dogs, cats, and miniature horses. For the health and safety of our customers and employees, unusual or exotic animals will not be accepted.

“Well, airports are not the best place for exotic animals and I feel more comfortable without having snakes and birds and all

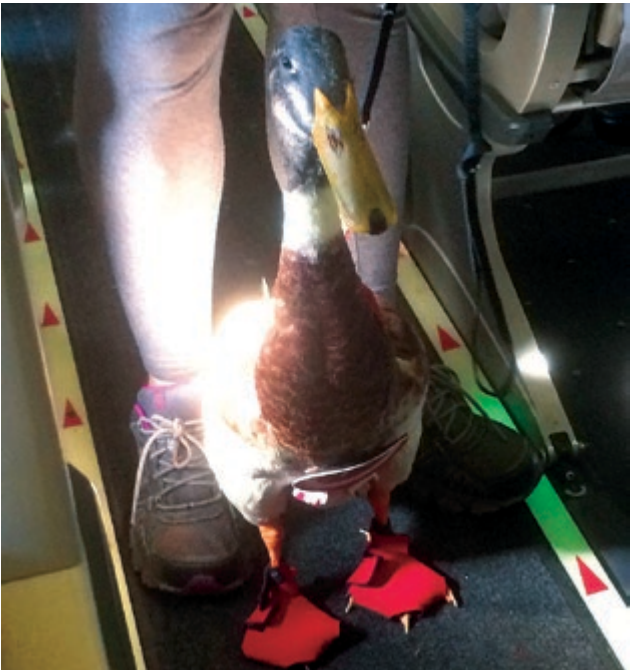
kinds of stuff [on a plane],” said passenger Rodney Cummings. Alaska Airlines also announced additional new rules and stipulations for travel with emotional support animals and service animals.

The new rules go into effect for all travel October 1, regardless of when the ticket was originally booked, and are in addition to the rules promulgated this past April.

Passengers may only bring one emotional support animal on a flight and that animal must be either a dog or cat. No other species of emotional support animals are permitted. The animal must be either leashed or in a carrier at all times.

The documentation requirements that the airline set forth in April, namely that the animal is in good health and that it has been trained to behave appropriately in public settings as well as a letter signed by a doctor or licensed mental health professional must be submitted 48 hours prior to departure.

As of April, the animal’s owner is required to assume responsibility for any damage to property by the animal.



Alaska also announced changes to its service animal policy, which now includes psychiatric service animals. Such animals are limited to either a dog, cat, or miniature horse, and the animal must be under the owner’s control at all times. Unlike with emotional support animals, no documentation is required for service animals. The move follows similar changes by American Airlines, Delta Air Lines, Southwest, and United Airlines earlier in the year. ■



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# Norwegian Soars to 250,000 Passengers On Flights from Dublin Airport to the U.S.

Airline's popular transatlantic flights reach the quarter of a million milestone in just 14 months

Norwegian has reached an important milestone in its continued growth at Dublin Airport by flying more than 250,000 transatlantic passengers to and from the New York and Boston areas since launch. The airline's affordable flights to smaller airports near two major US east coast cities has generated strong demand among Irish and American consumers who can take advantage of great value transatlantic fares.

Voted Skytrax Best Low-Cost Airline in Europe and World's Best Low-Cost Long-Haul Airline 2018, Norwegian has quickly established itself as a leading transatlantic carrier from Dublin Airport.

Norwegian is the only airline in Ireland to operate nonstop flights to New York Stewart International Airport and Providence International Airport, Rhode Island and will increase its weekly transatlantic flights from Dublin next summer by 33 per cent with the addition of a brand-new daily service to Hamilton (Toronto) Canada from 31 March 2019.

Matthew Wood, SVP Long-Haul Commercial at Norwegian said: "We would like to thank all 250,000 customers for choosing Norwegian and taking advantage of our high-quality flights to the USA from Dublin Airport.

"Fares have been too high for too long and reaching this milestone in just over a year highlights the huge demand for lower fares on transatlantic flights.

"We've seized the opportunity for growth at Dublin Airport and moving forward we will continue offering thousands more transatlantic customers greater value on brand new, quieter Boeing 737 MAX aircraft."

Vincent Harrison, Dublin Airport Managing Director said: "Reaching the 250,000 passenger milestone on two new services to the US in a 14 month period is a remarkable success story.

"We are delighted to play our part in offering US pre-clearance facilities to Norwegian's US passengers so all the necessary customs and immigration checks are completed at Dublin Airport before arrival into the US. We wish



Norwegian continued success on its route network at Dublin Airport."

To celebrate the passenger milestone, Norwegian will give away a pair of tickets to its newest destination from Dublin Airport – Hamilton which is located nearby Toronto, Canada and other tourist attractions including Niagara Falls.

Dublin Airport consolidated Norwegian's flights into the newer Terminal 2 this spring where passengers benefit from US Preclearance facilities allowing them to arrive without delay into the USA. Norwegian currently has 21 weekly departures from Dublin Airport to the USA and next summer will offer 28 weekly de-

partures to the USA and Canada.

Norwegian exclusively operates brand new Boeing 737 MAX aircraft with 189 seats at Dublin Airport which are up to 40 per cent quieter and 20 per cent more fuel efficient. The airline is actively recruiting more pilots to fly these new aircraft and join its growing Dublin base, offering competitive terms and conditions and fast career progression.

Europe's third largest low-cost airline carries around 33 million passengers each year to more than 150 global destinations. Norwegian has a fleet of more than 150 aircraft with an average age of 3.7 years, making it one of the world's youngest fleets. ■

## Pan Am's Third Annual Clipper Gala

The Pan Am Museum Foundation's Third Annual Clipper Gala, "Bonjour Paris", on September 26, at Garden City's Cradle of Aviation, celebrated the unveiling of their new B-707 exhibit.

On October 26, 1958 Pan Am's inaugural flight of the B-707 from New York Idlewild to Paris Le Bourget airport heralded the era of jet travel and the glamorous jet set era. The black tie evening began with cocktails (even a Pan Am blue Champagne!) and opening remarks by Emcee Christine Negroni, aviation consultant and award winning author.

A nostalgic presentation about the inaugural 1958 707 and the 1983 25th anniversary celebration was followed by a tribute to the evenings' honorees, dubbed "The First Jetsetters."

The guest speaker of the evening, Frank Abagnale, acclaimed subject of *Catch Me If You Can*, gave guests a mesmerizing look into his early life and how he became the world's premier forger and counterfeiter. After his capture by the FBI, Mr. Abagnale worked for the agency as an advisor for over 40 years and is still active as a consultant, speaker and author on identity theft and fraud.

The evening's festivities continued with dessert, Cherries Jubilee, and a demonstration by Chef Bigelow, should anyone wish to replicate this French specialty, followed by dancing under the stars, and of course, more blue Champagne!

To view photos of the event, go to [www.flickr.com/metroairportnews](http://www.flickr.com/metroairportnews) ■





# Warehouse Drones Becoming Logistics Tool

Move over delivery drones, warehouse drones are ready for the spotlight

Bolstered by the growth in industrial technology, inventory drones are proving their benefits within facilities.

Unlike their highly publicized home delivery cousins, drones designed for warehouse uses have been flying under the radar. However, a high-profile board appointment to an indoor drone pioneer could mean aerial inventory robots are ready to come out of the shadows.

In August, Chris Sultemeier, former executive vice president of logistics for Walmart, joined the board of warehouse drone pioneer PINC to help roll out the company's new technology.

"I've had the pleasure of knowing the PINC team for almost four years now," Sultemeier said in the announcement of his board position. "I've seen firsthand how large organizations can benefit from PINC's solutions, especially the aerial inventory robots."

Some companies have locally inadequate inventory management, and they have latched onto the idea that flying a drone up and down the aisles every night would solve their problem, he said. "But you really should start by looking at what's causing these problems, whether the staff is putting inventory where they're supposed to put it. Fix those problems, and then you're not going to need the drone."

Furthermore, drone-based technology has to work within existing infrastructure and labeling practices to lead to widespread adoption.

The technology operates autonomously, taking off and landing from the same location automatically, and avoids any obstructions in its flight path. It surveys large areas of densely packed assets for inventory reconciliation or to pinpoint the location of specific inventory. The system blends optical sensors and machine learning technology that maps the current warehouse set up and learns existing inventory labeling methods.

"Our two key design principles were not to change the way you do it and not to introduce

any additional infrastructure to make this work," Yearling said. "We introduce the robot to the environment and train it to the inventory."

A label may contain many characteristics including alphanumeric data, barcodes and even handwriting.

"We teach the robot to understand what about the labels is important, and we extract that information from the scene and process those labels with relevant information," Yearling said.

The flying inventory robots are many steps beyond strapping a barcode scanner on a hobby-level quadcopter and flying it around the warehouse.

"We've talked to potential customers who said they had tried drones and it didn't work for them, but they tried to fly a drone around manually, and it crashed," Yearling said. "The key is that it has to be autonomous."

## Drones Still Face Limitations

At this early stage, the drone technology is facing some limitations that may be overcome in the future.

First of all, the view of inventory is limited to what the drone can see from beside or above a rack. Realistically, one wonders if anything flying up and down an aisle really gives an accurate view of inventory because all it can see is the front of the pallet,

Yearling conceded that a drone's vision might be impaired or blocked, and it can't see into bins. "The limitation today with this technology is that it has to have that inventory in front of it physically, but there is a lot of rich information that you can get from looking at items on the rack," he said.

Ongoing development of computer vision connected to a neural network could solve those problems in the future, Yearling said.

Employees at warehouses where tests were done at first expressed misgivings about what the new technology could mean for jobs, Yearling said.

"The system is not used to get rid of people, it comes from our desire to redirect people by getting the technology to do the work for them," Yearling countered. "Now the workers are embracing it because it makes their job more interesting."

## Warehouse Drones Support Intelligent Platforms

Underneath the hype of drones or unmanned aerial vehicles in various supply chain use cases, they're actually just a platform that supports a range of other emerging technologies such as sensors, artificial intelligence and inventory and network optimization.

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However, automated warehouse inventory systems like drones suffer from the "garbage in, garbage out" problem. If inventory is misplaced, an automated system will only be able to point out the problem, not prevent it or fix it, Dwight Klappich, research vice president with Gartner, said in an interview with *Supply Chain Drive* magazine.

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Kiosks were first tested in Atlanta at all shipment acceptance counters, including DASH offices. Since the start of the trial, Delta Cargo has recorded a 94 percent increase from paper to e-AWB bookings for U.S. domestic shipments in Atlanta.

Following positive customer feedback, the kiosks have been rolled out in Boston and soon will be available at JFK in New York and in Seattle.

"The introduction of Delta Cargo's self-service experience contributes to a more environmentally friendly and simple booking process, while also providing expedited service to customers," said Lindsey Jalil, managing director commercial. "With initiatives such as this, we are working towards our goal of achieving 100 percent e-AWB penetration in the United States by the end of the year and internationally in 2019." ■

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# 2018 Annual LGA Kiwanis Club Kids Day at LaGuardia Airport

Although the original date planned for Kids Day had to be postponed due to inclement weather, it was well worth the wait! Crowds of people came out and enjoyed a beautiful day on the airfield. There were families, Scout packs, aviation enthusiasts, Civil Air Patrol, CBP Explorers, Law Enforcement, military and more on hand to enjoy the festivities.

The LGA Kiwanis Club and the Port Authority on New York\New Jersey did a fantastic job coordinating such an exciting event with airplanes of every size and generation, rides, face painting, Kiwanis Dunk Tank, demonstrations by our aviation, law enforcement and military professionals, music, food and so much more. It was a thrill to be there for children and adults alike!

To view photos of the event, go to [www.flickr.com/metroairportnews](http://www.flickr.com/metroairportnews) ■



# Lufthansa Cargo Processes the World's First Electronic Dangerous Goods Declaration

Lufthansa Cargo has handled the world's first electronic Dangerous Goods Declaration (eDGD) shipment using Dakosy's INFr8 shipping portal.

A shipment from healthcare company Abbott based in Wiesbaden was flown on board cargo flight LH8222 from Frankfurt to Mexico City.

Lufthansa said that the dangerous goods process has traditionally been paper-based due to the lack of digital standards. Dangerous Goods Declarations on paper from shippers arrive at the airport with the respective goods and airlines can begin checking the documentation only after handover.

Thanks to the new electronic system, errors in accompanying documentation can be detected and corrected out before the airline ever receives the shipment. This will translate into

fewer rejected shipments in the future. It will also mean faster processes and better use of resources, Lufthansa said.

Lufthansa Cargo worked closely with IATA to establish a global eDGD standard as part of IATA's e-freight initiative.

"A completely new approach has been developed and evaluated through close collaboration all along the transport chain with the INFr8 eDGD platform," the airline said.

Lufthansa Cargo's IT systems and processes can now deal with paperless dangerous goods shipments, making the airline the first and so far only airline to support the eDGD standard.

All pilot partners are digitally connected to the platform and can use it to process transport documents – including the Dangerous Goods Declaration (DGD) required by law.

Frankfurt Airport plays a major role in



dangerous goods handling for both companies. Fraport was also responsible for providing and operating the airport's infrastructure, has contributed significantly to the development of the portal.

"Thanks to this worldwide innovation, the INFr8 platform integrates the shipper into the electronic information chain of the air cargo

process for the first time. We expect this to result in shorter check-in times and much faster handling of dangerous goods", said Anke Giesen, executive director operations at Fraport.

The pilot phase of the INFr8 platform is expected to last six months, and after this, the platform will become a standard tool available to all market participants interested in using it. ■

## SpaceX Introduces First Passenger For Moon Flight

SpaceX has announced that Japanese fashion entrepreneur Yusaku Maezawa has purchased a flight around the moon on the company's still-conceptual Big Falcon Rocket (BFR). Maezawa, who is also an avid art collector, says he will be offering six to eight artists free seats for the flight in the hope that they will be inspired to create work based on the trip. According to SpaceX founder and CEO Elon Musk, the deposit Maezawa has already made will go toward the development of the rocket.

Musk said that although the amount Maezawa paid for the flight will not be disclosed, it is enough to make a material impact on BFR development. The trip is tentatively scheduled for 2023, but Musk called that a "things go right" date, saying that it wasn't even 100 percent certain that they could get the rocket flying, let alone on time for 2023. Development of the BFR is expected to cost roughly \$5 billion.

Manufacture of the first prototype is already in progress, with first test flights planned for 2019. SpaceX says the BFR will have a payload of about 100 metric tons, be fully reusable, and is intended

to eventually make trips to Mars and beyond. Although a maximum of twelve passengers will be onboard for the first flight, Musk says the BFR has room for as many as 100 people. It is also designed to land on a wide range of surfaces in a variety of atmospheres.

SpaceX announced in February of last year that it had taken a deposit on a flight around the moon for two previously unidentified individuals—during the announcement, Musk said that Maezawa was also the customer for that trip—on its Dragon spacecraft powered by the Falcon Heavy rocket. That flight was originally scheduled for 2018, was pushed back to at least mid-2019, and is now abandoned in favor of the BFR trip.

Musk said that SpaceX's NASA and national security commitments remain the company's priority, with less than 5 percent of SpaceX resources currently going towards BFR. **KATE O'CONNOR**, *AvWeb.com*



Yusaku Maezawa and Elon Musk

## World's First Boeing 777 Scheduled to Retire

### Cathay Pacific, Boeing to Donate World's 777 to Museum

Cathay Pacific and Boeing announced today that they are donating the first-ever Boeing 777 airplane to the Pima Air & Space Museum in Arizona, one of the world's largest facilities devoted to celebrating aerospace.



The iconic 777-200 airplane (line number WA001 and registered B-HNL) will fly from Cathay Pacific's home airport in Hong Kong to Tucson, Arizona on 18 September. The jet will be displayed permanently at the museum alongside more than 350 other historic aircraft.

Boeing first flew the 777-200 aircraft on 12 June, 1994 and continued to use it as a test airplane for several years. The aircraft joined the Cathay Pacific fleet in 2000 and was retired in May after 18 years of service. During its time with Cathay Pacific, B-HNL operated 20,519 flights, recording 49,687 hours of flying time.

Cathay Pacific Chief Executive Officer Rupert Hogg said: "As the world's very first 777, B-HNL holds a very special place in the history of both our airline and that of commercial aviation, and we are very pleased it will soon bring enjoyment to enthusiasts at its new home in Arizona.

"Our 777-200 aircraft have served us exceptionally well over the last two decades, and as we progressively retire these over the months ahead, we eagerly look forward to welcoming the state-of-the-art 777-9 aircraft into our fleet from 2021," he added.

In the 1990s, Cathay Pacific was one of a handful of airlines to provide input for the 777 at the design stage, which gave Hong Kong's home airline a unique opportunity to refine the aircraft's features to suit its needs. Among the requests were a cabin cross-section similar to the 747 Jumbo Jet, a modern 'glass' cockpit, fly-by-wire system, and, crucially, lower operating costs. Today, Cathay Pacific operates one of the largest 777 fleets in the world.

Boeing Commercial Airplanes President and CEO Kevin McAllister said: "Cathay Pacific has been instrumental in the tremendous success of the 777 programme. The airline contributed greatly to the airplane's original design and has been one of its biggest ambassadors ever since. And now they are a launch customer for our new 777X airplane. We are thrilled to partner with Cathay on this donation to the museum as a way to share the remarkable story of the Boeing 777 for years to come." ■



# Latest Tariffs On Chinese Goods Hit On September 24th

American Apparel and Footwear Association calls the action “cruel to U.S. interests” China retaliates with duties on imports from the United States.

The Office of the U.S. Trade Representative announced that a third tranche of Section 301 tariffs covering approximately \$200 billion worth of Chinese-origin goods.

USTR will impose 10 percent tariffs until Jan. 1, when they will increase to 25 percent, the agency said. USTR fully or partially removed 297 tariff lines from an original list of 6,031 tariff lines.

The third list of Section 301 tariffs will affect \$200 billion worth of Chinese-origin goods in 2017 import value, after a first round covering \$34 billion worth of Chinese goods was activated July 6 and a second round covering \$16 billion was activated Aug. 23.

Business groups reacted against the announcement, with the U.S. Chamber of Commerce, the U.S. Fashion Industry Association, the American Apparel and Footwear Association (AAFA) and the National Association of Manufacturers (NAM) among those expressing concern.

Even though the goods dropped from the original tariff list included certain textiles, the list still includes textile products like backpacks, handbags, purses, wallets, baseball gloves and hats, and the action is “cruel to U.S. interests,” particularly because companies are getting only one week’s notice before the tariffs take effect and because the tariffs will automatically increase to 25 percent on Jan. 1, AAEA said.

“Over the last year, manufacturers have delivered for our communities and our people, raising wages, building new plants and creating new jobs thanks to game-changing tax and regulatory reform,” NAM CEO Jay Timmons said in a statement. “But more U.S. tariffs and Chinese retaliation risk undoing that progress and moving our economy in the wrong direction.”

Products dropped from USTR's original list include certain consumer electronics such as smart watches and Bluetooth devices; certain chemical inputs for manufactured goods, textiles and agriculture; certain health and safety products like bicycle helmets; and child safety furniture such as car seats and playpens, USTR said.

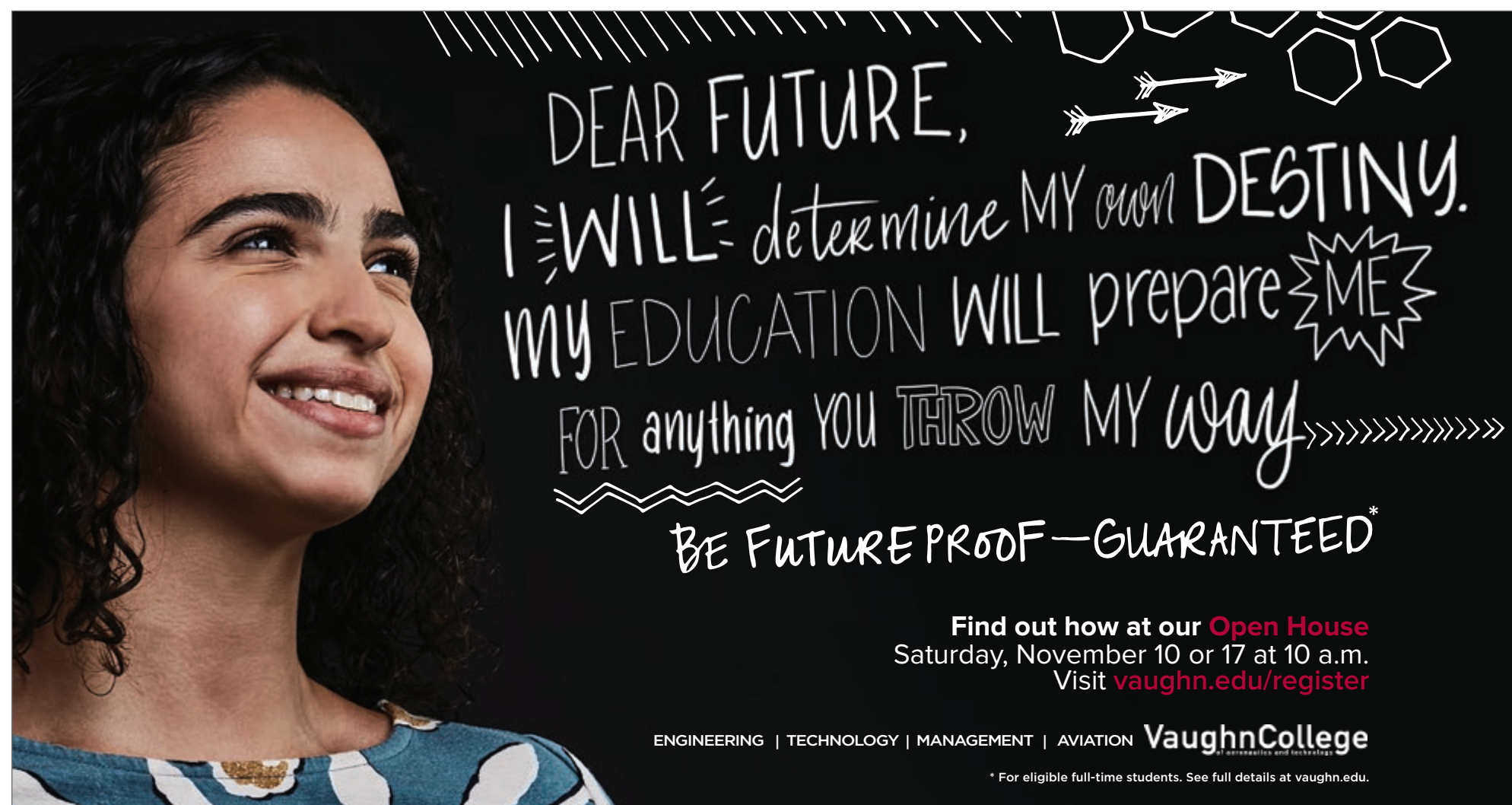
Following USTR's announcement, the Chinese Ministry of Commerce (MOFCOM) announced it would retaliate to the tune of 5 percent to 10 percent tariffs across \$60 billion worth of U.S. goods, starting the same day as

the United States' third round of Section 301 tariffs, according to a translation of the MOF-COM announcement.

Accusing the U.S. of unilateralism and protectionism, China said it is retaliating in an effort to ultimately reduce bilateral trade friction and that it hopes to work with the United States in a pragmatic way to soothe ongoing trade tensions.

A senior Trump administration official told reporters that China still hasn't seriously engaged with the U.S. to allay the executive branch's concerns about its unfair trading practices, including forced technology transfer.

“There have been conversations about a team from China potentially coming to the United States,” the official said. “President Trump has been clear all along, ever since the 301 action was started, that he has a good relationship with [Chinese] President Xi [Jin-ping] and he hopes we can work these problems out, and that has not changed. But unfortunately, despite numerous conversations where we have been entirely clear with China what is needed to put this relationship on a different trajectory, what is needed to fix these problems, they have not yet seriously engaged with that.” ■



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# American Airlines Goes Pink in October for Breast Cancer Awareness Month

To recognize Breast Cancer Awareness Month, American Airlines, its team members and its customers will “go pink” this October to raise awareness and critical funds for long-time partner Susan G. Komen®.

“Breast cancer is a personal and all too real battle for thousands of our team members and tens of thousands of our customers,” said Chris Singley, Managing Director of Community Relations & Employee Engagement for American. “It’s a disease that has touched us all in one way or another and we stand with Susan G. Komen to raise funds, build awareness and take action in the nonstop fight against breast cancer.”

Every dollar raised by American and its customers goes to support the Susan G. Komen Young Investigators Grant Program. Through this grant program, researchers are discovering breakthroughs for the most aggressive and deadly breast cancers, including triple negative breast cancer and all forms of the disease that have advanced to stage 4 metastatic breast

cancer, meaning they have spread to other parts of the body.

“When I was first diagnosed with breast cancer, I compared myself to other cancer fighters. But I learned your cancer belongs to you and no one else,” said Felecia Ingram, a Charlotte, North Carolina (CLT)-based Flight Attendant and 2018 American Airlines Be Pink campaign participant. “Each day you live, fight! Each day you are able to fight, live!”

American is raising awareness and funds for Susan G. Komen in several ways:

- AAdvantage customers can receive 20 AAdvantage miles for every \$1 donated to Susan G. Komen with a minimum donation of \$25 from Oct. 1 to Oct. 31.
- Team members who are survivors of breast cancer will be prominently featured on aa.com, on AA flight and gate information display screens, in Admirals Clubs.
- Pink will play a prominent role in flight. Customers will notice that everything from



beverage napkins to the inflight menu, amenity kits, Wi-Fi portal and more have gone pink for the month of October.

- For the first time ever, customers can donate directly to Komen while in flight.
- Team members around the world are purchasing and wearing American-branded pink items with 30 percent of the proceeds from every sale benefiting the organization.

Additionally, throughout the month of October, you’ll learn more about 10 American team members from around the world who have fought or are still fighting breast cancer. Their stories will be featured on aa.com, American’s social media platforms, in Komen’s inflight public service announcement and more. “It makes me incredibly proud that American

supports the fight against cancer of all types, but I especially love seeing everyone wear pink during October,” said Crossley, a two-time breast cancer survivor. “It reminds me that breast cancer awareness is important to my fellow team members. During this month, we all come together to raise funds, share stories and more importantly, celebrate our victories.”

American’s partnership with Susan G. Komen dates back to their very first race in 1983 when the airline became the organization’s first corporate sponsor. In the time since the partnership began, American has helped raise more than \$36 million for the organization.

For more information about the ways American supports breast cancer research and Susan G. Komen, visit [aa.com/bepink](http://aa.com/bepink).

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# Boy Scout Luncheon at Cradle of Aviation

On September 26, 2018 the Boy Scouts of America held their 2018 Queens Council Aviation Luncheon at the Cradle of Aviation in Garden City, New York.

Bill Huisman, Executive Director of the Aviation Development Council, and MC, began the program with opening remarks, welcoming the group of more than 250 attendees. After the Color Guard and an invocation by Reverend Dabee, Michael Sibilis, a 2017 honoree, CFO of LaGuardia Gateway Partners and Queens Council President spoke of the importance of the scouting program.

The 2018 honorees and recipient of the “Good Scout Award” were: **Cubie Dawson**, VP of Business Development for the Hudson Group, **Henry Kuykendall**, Senior VP Airport Operations, Northeast, for Delta Airlines, **Frank McIntyre**, Director of Public Information Royal Waste Services, and Business Manager JFK Airport Chamber of Commerce.

The afternoon concluded with raffles, dessert, closing remarks and a humorous piece from Bill Huisman about scouts building a fire. *Metropolitan Airport News* congratulates the honorees for their many achievements. **ROBERTA DUNN**



Frank McIntyre, Good Scout Award Honoree, Denise Erikson, Duty Free Americas and Don Miehle, HMS Host.



Henry Kuykendall and his Delta team.



Cubie Dawson with the Boy Scouts.

# Cradle of Aviation Museum Announces Executive Promotions

The Cradle of Aviation Museum and Education Center’s Board of Trustees recently announced promotions of two key members of its executive team, Andrew Parton and Jennifer Baxmeyer, due to remarkable leadership of a diverse and expanding team, meaningful transformation into a STEM education center, and continued growth and success by remaining relevant and community and customer-focused in a challenging market.

The promotions support The Cradle of Aviation Museum’s commitment to becoming the leading center of aerospace and technology education through the preservation of museum artifacts, expanding educational opportunities towards the development of an innovative workforce for the region.

**Andrew Parton** has been promoted from Executive Director to President. Parton joined the museum in 2005 as Director of Marketing and Promoted to Acting Director in 2007 and Executive Director in 2008. In his ten plus years as Director he has worked to improve the fiscal position of the museum and has worked expand the museum’s offerings to include new exhibits and programs providing the museum with a diversified revenue stream. In his new role, Parton will increase his focus on leading multi-year strategy working closely with the Board to outline and implement key programs for museum growth, securing major investments in the museum via donors, grants, corporate sponsors, government investments, and other channels, working on the next phases of physical expansion.

**Jennifer Baxmeyer** has been promoted from Deputy Director to Executive Director. Baxmeyer joined the museum in 2005 as an Education Coordinator. She then became Education Director in 2008 helping to increase school visitations by 30% and working to develop the STEM Hub. Subsequently Jennifer was promoted to Deputy Director in 2014 and has spearheaded efforts to create best practices in areas such as Human Resources, Customer Service, Informational Technology and Strategic Planning. She has also helped to raise over \$200K in grants. In her new role, Baxmeyer will increase her direct oversight over the day-to-day operation, working with the Cradle Team in delivering an exceptional experience to the museum’s guests.

“Our new management structure will help to position the museum for growth in providing visitors with a unique experience. We couldn’t be prouder of Andy, Jennifer, the Museum Staff, and all of our Board of Trustees, all of whom contribute in making the Cradle of Aviation a centerpiece of Long Island.” – Marc MacDonnell, Chairman, Board of Trustees

The Cradle of Aviation Museum and Education Center is home to over 75 planes and spacecraft representing over 100 years of aviation history and Long Island’s only Giant Screen Dome Theater. Currently, the museum is celebrating “Countdown to Apollo at 50” sponsored by the Robert David Lion Gardiner Foundation, showcasing Long Island and Grumman’s significant role in the Apollo program.

The Museum was recently recognized and listed on New York State’s National Register of Historic Places as a significant part of American history. The museum is located on Museum Row, Charles Lindbergh Blvd., in East Garden City. For more information call (516) 572-4111 or visit [www.cradleofaviation.org](http://www.cradleofaviation.org)



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## Brussels Airlines Offers Six Flights a Week to Newark

Fly to the city that never sleeps even more frequently from now on – with Eurowings from Düsseldorf. As of 1 December 2018, the airline will be offering six flights per week to New York's Newark Airport (EWR) in addition to its existing connections to JFK. Eurowings is taking over the connection which had previously been offered by Lufthansa, allowing passengers flying with Eurowings from the capital of North Rhine-Westphalia to choose between the two New York area airports for the first time.

The flights will take off from Düsseldorf every day except Tuesday at 11:45 a.m. with the flight number EW 1112 and land in Newark at 2:50 p.m. local time. The return flight will leave New York as flight number EW 1113 at 4:50 p.m. local time, arriving in Düsseldorf the next day at 6:05 a.m. Eurowings customers in Düsseldorf also benefit from a codeshare agreement with Lufthansa that makes fast and convenient transfers to destinations in the network of the parent company possible.

Eurowings is expanding its long-haul program at Düsseldorf's airport with the additional flights to New York. The 2018/19 winter flight schedule takes Eurowings passengers from DUS to New York, Fort Myers and Miami (USA), Cancun (Mexico), Punta Cana and Puerto Plata (Dominican Republic), Varadero and Havana (Cuba), Montego Bay (Jamaica) and Bangkok (Thailand). Düsseldorf is already Eurowings' biggest location. The Lufthansa subsidiary offers its passengers a bigger selection of routes here than at any other airport. The largest airport in North Rhine-Westphalia has become the home base for 40 Eurowings aircraft, with more than 1,700 flights per week leaving for 95 destinations in Germany and around the world. ■



## The Global Foundation's Inaugural Blue and Red Tie Gala

The evening commenced with a cocktail hour, casino tables and much cigar smoking on the terrace. Dinner began with a performance by the Nassau County Police Department Pipe Band and Honor Guard, followed by an invocation by Reverend Dabee, and a presentation by the organization's founder, William McGuire.

Mr. McGuire started the foundation in 2015 to provide the families of first responders, who lost their lives protecting others in the line of duty, with services, guidance and financial assistance. Funds raised through the organization's golf outings and Galas, go to these programs and help insure that the families of these first responders, law enforcement officers and firefighters, have their immediate and long-term needs met.

This year the Global Foundation honored three individuals who exemplified the foundation's mission of service. Recognized for their incredible performance in the field of community service were: Man of the Year: Patrick Ryder, Police Commissioner, Nassau County Police Department, Woman of the Year: Janet Ambrisco, Special Agent, Federal Bureau of Investigation, and Industry Person of the Year: Keith Slotter, Vice President of Security, Jet Blue Airways

After inspiring speeches by these very accomplished individuals, the evening continued with an incredibly delicious dinner, dancing to the band of Jimmy Avino and the raffle of the many upscale prizes. Followed by more cigar smoking!

About William McGuire Founder:

Mr. McGuire was a former fireman from Mineola. He is the President and CEO of Global Elite Group, an international security company, serving the needs of the aviation safety industry, event management and property security for companies worldwide. **ROBERTA DUNN**



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## Port Authority Board Approves \$355 Million for Rehab of Key JFK Airport Runway, Adds High-Speed Taxiway To Reduce Delays

Use of durable concrete instead of typical asphalt will lengthen lifespan of runway up to 40 years, compared with asphalt's 10-12 years.

The Port Authority's Board of Commissioners has approved a \$355 million project for the rehabilitation of Runway 13L-31R at John F. Kennedy International Airport and the addition of a new high-speed taxiway, part of a package of state-of-good-repair and system-enhancing projects to improve airport travel.

The 10,000-foot-long runway, which runs east/west on the airport's north side and handles almost half of JFK's arriving planes, is being built with concrete for longer-term durability that will minimize future operational impacts.

"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," said Port Authority Chairman Kevin O'Toole. "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."

"State-of-the-art runway and taxiway systems are essential to ensuring John F. Kennedy International remains one of the world's most important airports," said Port Authority Vice Chairman Jeffrey Lynford.

The runway work is expected to generate 1,880 total jobs and an additional \$140.6 million in wages, and produce nearly \$385 million in economic activity over the life of the project. The Port Authority is working to coordinate flight schedules and airport operations during construction with the Federal Aviation Administration and the airlines to help ensure minimal impacts on travelers.

The closure of Runway 13L-31R, one of JFK's four runways, is scheduled to begin in April 2019 and reopen with key project elements finished by the end of 2019.

The construction of a new high-speed taxiway and taxiway realignment will improve efficiency of runway operations, reducing runway occupancy time per arrival by nearly six seconds on average. The time-savings are cumulative and are estimated to save passengers approximately 1,000 hours annually in delays and taxiing time, for a combined savings to airlines and passengers of about \$9 million, according to FAA calculations.

The runway refurbishment is part of a Port Authority program of airport infrastructure improvements focused on enhanced safety and reduced flight delays. This includes the addition of high speed taxiways at JFK and Newark Liberty International Airport and the expansion of the aeronautical operations areas. At LaGuardia the increased airfield area will mean increased maneuverability for larger planes to gates. These infrastructure improvements are being combined with technology enhancements to help reduce delays by managing arrival and departure traffic more efficiently. ■

## Primera Air to Link Berlin to Boston, New York, and Toronto

Primera Air and Flughafen Berlin Brandenburg announced plans for new non-stop service from the German capital to Boston, New York, and Toronto.

Flights will commence in June 2019 and the airline will operate them using Boeing 737 Max 9 aircraft. The new service demonstrates that the airline "sees the tourist and economic potential of the capital's region," said Engelbert Lütke Daldrup, chairman of the airport's board of directors.

The flights will operate from Berlin Tegel Airport to Boston Logan International Airport, Toronto Pearson International Airport, and John F. Kennedy International Airport in New York. A one-way fare starts at €149 (\$173).

Primera already operates non-stop service linking London and Paris to Boston, Montreal, New York, Toronto, and Washington, D.C. Primera Travel Group owns the airline, a company owned by multiple tour operators in Sweden, Denmark, Norway, Finland, Iceland, and Estonia. ■



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## American Airlines Latest to Increase Baggage Fees

American Airlines is the latest carrier to increase bag fees, boosting the charge for one checked bag from \$25 to \$30.

This was after Delta joined the aviation community in raising their fees a day earlier. The Atlanta-based airline posted new rates of \$30 for a passenger's first checked bag and \$40 for a second bag, each marking a \$5 increase over the previous fees.

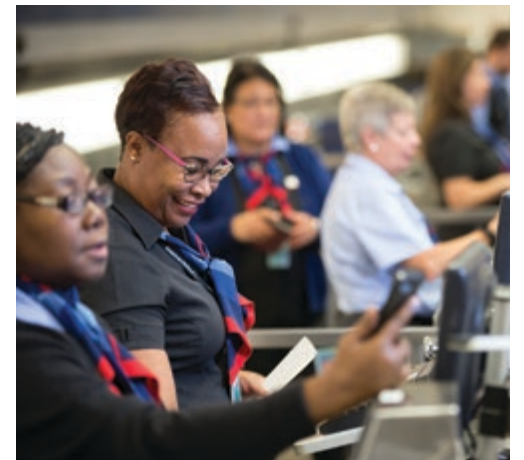
JetBlue Airways started the trend when it increased bag fees on Aug. 27. United Airlines matched JetBlue's fees ahead of Labor Day weekend. Canadian carriers WestJet and Air Canada also boosted fees.

Bag fees have become big business for U.S. airlines since they started charging for the first and second checked bag in 2008 during the recession and oil price spike. Previously, the only bag fee charges were for excess bags and overweight and oversized bags.

Airlines collected \$2.4 billion in bag fees in the first half of 2018, according to the federal Bureau of Transportation Statistics. The same figure in the first half of 2008: \$300.8 million. United started the bag fee frenzy in May 2008, charging \$25 for the second checked bag. A few months later, American upped the ante, announcing a \$15 fee for the first checked bag.

Southwest Airlines continue to offer passengers two free checked bags.

Discount airlines like Frontier, Spirit and Sun Country charge varying rates for checked luggage in addition to carry-on bags. ■



# Port Authority Announces That Port Director Molly Campbell Will Leave To Attend Harvard Fellowship Program

Port Authority to immediately launch nationwide search for new director for Port of New York and New Jersey



The Port Authority announced that it will launch a nationwide search for a new director of its Port Department to succeed Molly Campbell, who will leave her position on October 26 to become a 2019 University Fellow as part of Harvard University's Advanced Leadership Initiative.

Ms. Campbell joined the Port Authority on July 27, 2015 following a nearly 15-year career with the Port of Los Angeles, where she served as Deputy Executive Director responsible for the day-to-day administration at the nation's busiest port complex. Immediately prior to joining the Port Authority, she served as Director of Financial Management Systems for Los

Angeles World Airports (LAWA), a department of the City of Los Angeles.

"Molly is a consummate public servant, a leader in the national maritime industry and has been a major asset to our management team," said Port Authority Executive Director Rick Cotton. "Her unrelenting focus on continuous improvement across all port operations and infrastructure has continued to enhance the port's capabilities and propel its standing and competitiveness among the international commerce community."

During her three years overseeing the Port of New York and New Jersey – the third largest port complex in the United States – Ms. Campbell oversaw record cargo volumes and achieved major milestones, such as the arrival of the largest neo-Panamax container ship to call on the East Coast following the completions of the 50-foot channel deepening program and the Bayonne Bridge Navigational Clearance Project. Other notable milestones achieved under Ms. Campbell's tenure include record intermodal rail volume, the start of construction of the ExpressRail Port Jersey intermodal facility and strong growth in the auto and cruise line business.

Under Ms. Campbell's leadership, the Port Authority launched and has nearly completed a Port Master Plan, which will help guide sustainable development and growth for the next 30 years in the Port of New York and New Jersey. Additionally, under her direction, the Port Department has improved its collaboration, outreach and communication with stakeholders – with customers, with host communities and within the Port Department team.

During her career, Ms. Campbell played active roles in national and international logistics associations, including serving as Chair of the American Association of Port Authorities Maritime Economic Development Committee, and as Vice Chair of the Finance Committee for the International Association of Ports and Harbors and the North American Region. She also served as Chair of the Port Performance Task Force, a group of port stakeholders formed to cooperatively seek common solutions to issues to improve port productivity and efficiency. ■

# New York Air Show at Stewart International Airport

It was a sunny day on Sunday, September 16th, where an overflow crowd enjoyed the annual New York Air Show held at Stewart International Airport. The U.S. Air Force Thunderbirds headlined the air show, but there were many other attractions that drew thousands of aviation enthusiasts. This year's line-up featured 15 different military and civilian performers!



The U.S. Air Force Thunderbirds air demonstration is a mix of formation flying and solo routines. The four-jet diamond formation demonstrates the training and precision of Air Force pilots, while the two solo aircraft highlight some of the extreme capabilities of the F-16. In all, the pilots performed approximately 40 maneuvers in a single demonstration. The aerial demonstration lasted an hour with an additional 15 minutes for the ground show before takeoff.

During a typical season the Thunderbirds perform no more than 70 air demonstrations in 35 cities throughout the nation. More than 280 million people in all 50 states and 57 foreign countries have seen the red, white and blue Thunderbirds jets.

Another feature that drew much interest was the famous bomber the Boeing B-17. The B-17 Flying Fortress from the movie "Memphis Belle" is a four-engine heavy bomber developed in the 1930s for the United States Army Air Corps (USAAC). The Belle is 74 feet long, with a wingspan of 103 feet. It was capable of hauling 4,800 pounds of bombs, and took 10 crewmen to operate, six of them responsible for operating the plane's machine guns. Also returning were the WWII stand-by P-40 Warhawk, and the B-25 bomber affectionately known as "Panchito".

This year's show was also a homecoming recognizing the Air National Guard's 70th anniversary. The Air National Guard remain on the base which was once a major strategic air base during the cold war. The show included a demonstration flight of the C-5M Galaxy transport. The C-5 is the largest plane in the Air Force's fleet. The Air National Unit, the 105th Airlift Wing also flew the older version C-5A when they first were assigned to the base in 1985.

Did we forget the great air demonstrations by aerial show pilots or the daring parachute show put on by the West Point cadets? Sometimes there is just too much to see in such a short time.

We have other Septembers to look forward to as the show plans to return to Stewart International Airport in 2019. **JOSEPH ALBA**



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# JetBlue and Airbus Take to the Sky Using Renewable Jet Fuel

The Delivery Flight for JetBlue’s Newest A321 Aircraft Becomes the Airline’s First-Ever Flight Powered by Renewable Jet Fuel Blend.

JetBlue announced that its newest aircraft, an Airbus A321 it received on September 19th, will make its first flights using a sustainable jet fuel blend. According to the company, the acceptance flight and JetBlue’s ferry flight, which is scheduled for September 20, will be the airline’s first flights to use sustainable (also called renewable) biofuel. JetBlue will be ferrying the aircraft from Airbus’ production facility in Mobile, Alabama.

“Renewable jet fuel affirms JetBlue’s belief that we can help define our industry’s future path,” said JetBlue CEO Robin Hayes. “Our goal is to serve as a market-maker for renewable jet fuel, creating demand and therefore supporting supply. We’re working closely with Airbus to set up infrastructure for more op-

tions in the southeast region.” Sustainable aviation fuel comes from easily sourced oil crops such as jatropha, camelina and algae or from wood and waste biomass. The fuel being used for the JetBlue flights is 15.5 percent sustainable jet fuel blended with traditional jet fuel. It is being supplied and certified by Air BP. JetBlue is expecting delivery of four more A321s by the end of the year, all of which will start out on the same fuel blend. Airbus says it has been offering customers the option of taking delivery of new aircraft from its facility in Toulouse, France, using a blend of renewable jet fuel since May 2016 and will “determine the next steps toward offering this option to more customers taking aircraft deliveries from Mobile” after the JetBlue deliveries.



The majority of JetBlue’s flight will still be flown with traditional jet fuel, although the airline says it is working to be “proactive about mitigating the impact of changes in the fuel market by flying more efficient aircraft, optimizing its fuel consumption, moving to

renewable jet fuel and more.” The company also stated that renewable jet fuel is a key aspect of its emissions reduction strategy. Airbus has said that its goal is to source sustainable fuels in the southeastern United States, but no timeline has been given. ■

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# JFK Chamber of Commerce and The Port Authority of NY & NJ Will Never Forget...

The JFK Chamber of Commerce together with the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey came together to honor and remember those lost on September 11, 2001. Although 17 years have passed, the wounds that were created that day remain as raw today as they were all those years ago.

The event was open to all and was held at Building 14 A&R Food Services. Originally planned for the Ball Field beside Building 141, the inclement weather leading up to the event as well as on the day of the event required a quick change. Charles Everett, Interim General Manager at JFK, presided over the event.

Representatives from United Airlines, American Airlines, PAPD and Port Authority Civilian were on hand to read aloud the names of those within their organizations and family members who were killed during the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001.

There was an amazing turnout by Law Enforcement, US Customs and Border Patrol, Military, First Responders, Elected Officials, Airport and Airline Managers, Community Leaders and others from the Airport Community. Aviation High School presented the Color Guard with precision and respect for our Flag. St. Anthony's High School provided bag pipe renditions of our nation's most patriotic songs. Ms. Eva Boyce-Leonard graced us with her beautiful voice and led the group in song. Kind and emotional words were offered by clergy, Fr. Chris Piasta and Pastor Dabee.

This event started last year through the efforts of JFK Chamber President, Joe Clabby and Former JFK General Manager, Mike Moran. They knew that JFK needed to come together as a community, as a family to mourn the loss of life and memorialize the events that changed our lives forever. There are plans in progress for a permanent memorial site at JFK International Airport. For more information on the 9/11 Memorial Fund please go to [www.jfkairportchamberofcommerce.org](http://www.jfkairportchamberofcommerce.org). To view photos of the event, go to [www.flickr.com/metroairportnews](http://www.flickr.com/metroairportnews) ■





# JFK Chamber Annual Golf Outing

The JFK Chamber of Commerce held its annual golf outing at the Lawrence Country Club on September 17th. It was a little on the humid side, but the weather held out for over 100 golfers in attendance. It was wonderful to see the generations of airport families coming out to relax and have some fun with old friends and new.

Phil Jensen was honored for his years of service to the JFK community through his dedicated leadership in the JFK Chamber of Commerce as well as KAAMCO and KAAMCO Cargo.

A portion of the proceeds of the golf outing will go the USO of Metropolitan New York.

For more information about the JFK Chamber of Commerce, go to [www.jfkairportchamberofcommerce.org](http://www.jfkairportchamberofcommerce.org).

To view photos of the event, go to [www.flickr.com/metroairportnews](http://www.flickr.com/metroairportnews) ■



# Truck Drivers Wanted

## Walmart Offers \$1,500.00 Referral Bonus

Founder Sam Walton began building his own private truck fleet in the 1970s after large trucking companies declined to deliver to Walmart's mostly rural stores, located far from established trucking routes.

Walton would show up at the drivers' break room at 4 a.m. with doughnuts and talk to them for hours to get a fresh view of how his stores were faring.

Today, Walmart's truckers take goods from massive distribution centers around the nation and deliver them to its 4,700 stores in a hub-and-spoke system that allows it to replenish goods quickly.

As reported by Bloomberg, Walmart, whose private fleet of 6,500 trucks is one of the largest in the nation, will offer referral bonuses of up to \$1,500, shorten the on-boarding process for new hires by more than a month and broadcast its first national TV ad focused on its 7,500 truckers.

The program, which coincided with National Truck Driver Appreciation Week, September 9-15, 2018, aims to fill vacancies and improve the image of long-haul driving as a career amid a tight labor market.

"To be candid, right now I could hire a few hundred drivers," Tracy Rosser, Walmart's senior vice president of transportation, said in an interview. "It is getting tougher and tougher to find qualified drivers. It's a really serious situation right now."

The dearth of drivers swelled to a record 296,311 in the second quarter, according to researcher FTR Transportation Intelligence.



Combine that with wage hikes, rising diesel-fuel prices and higher freight demand, and the result was that June saw the biggest monthly uptick in long-distance trucking costs in nearly a decade.

Those expenses have crimped Walmart's profit margins for three straight quarters, one reason why its shares are down so far this year amid broader gains in the stock market. ■

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# Emirates Airplane Quarantined at JFK Airport

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On September 5th, at least 10 people were taken to the hospital after an Emirates Airline plane from Dubai landed at JFK International Airport with about 100 passengers and crewmembers reported feeling ill, officials said.

Emirates confirmed the incident in a tweet saying; Emirates can confirm that about 10 passengers on #EK203 from Dubai to New York were taken ill. On arrival, as a precaution, they were attended to by local health authorities. All others will disembark shortly. The safety & care of our customers is our first priority.

Passengers flying an Emirates flight 202 from Dubai to New York reported feeling ill on a flight to JFK airport, forcing authorities to quarantine the plane. The flight was met at John F Kennedy airport by New York Port Authority Police and officials from the US Centre for Disease Control and Prevention when it landed.

The New York Mayor's office confirmed the plane had been quarantined at the airport after landing shortly after 9am local time. Eric Phillips, spokesman for New York City Mayor Bill de Blasio said those 10 people were taken to the hospital, with a few others being treated at the airport. By noon, majority of the passengers have been cleared and are off the aircraft, according to Phillips.

Port Authority Executive Director, Rick Cotton added; "The PAPD and Port Authority airport operations staff are coordinating closely and providing support to the CDC and CBP as necessary. The CDC will provide further updates as they become available." ■



LARRY COBEN

# Fuel Tax Increases Have Potential Consequences for Newark Airport

United Could Move ‘the Bulk’ of its Operations from Newark Liberty if Proposed Increase in Jet Fuel Tax Becomes Law

United Airlines said it would consider moving some operations from its hub at Newark Liberty International Airport in New Jersey to other hubs if lawmakers there enact legislation that would effectively raise jet-fuel taxes that the airline pays.

The bill, which has already been approved in committee, would require all airlines carrying over eight million passengers per year to pay a four-cent tax on all jet fuel purchased in the state. United is the only airline that carries over eight million passengers in a year.



Under the current law, airlines pay tax only on the jet fuel burned during takeoffs and landings at New Jersey airports.

The funds, the bill’s sponsors said, would be used to provide “funding for PATH train extension to Newark Liberty International Airport and airport improvements.”

Testifying before the Senate Transportation Committee, Jill Kaplan, president of the airline’s New York/New Jersey region, said that she was “puzzled,” adding that the airline is “committed to being a good partner, investing in New Jersey’s future and working with our friends in organized labor.”

Kaplan made it clear what might happen should the legislature proceed with the tax.

“It is my profound concern that this will impact our ability to invest in future investments and in turn New Jersey,” she said, adding that the airline might have to consider moving “the bulk” of its operations to other hubs.

New Jersey’s Senate Transportation Committee approved a bill which would impose an additional fuel tax on United Airlines (UA, Chicago O’Hare), raising opposition from the carrier and major business groups in the state and in New York, NJBIZ has reported.

The proposed law would tax all fuel bought by the carrier at Newark, as opposed to only the amount of fuel burnt during taxi, take-off, and landing from the airport, as well as during the flight over New Jersey under the current legal framework.

United said that if enacted, the new law would raise its annual costs by 20 million dollars.

The law would affect only airlines carrying more than 8 million passengers per year out of Newark, effectively, exclusively United.

The authorities intend to use the extra revenues to fund the extension of the PATH railway from Manhattan to Newark airport. The airline has previously challenged such a use of the revenues. Under federal US law, airport fuel taxes can only be used to fund aviation infrastructure.

United has previously warned it might shift some connecting traffic from Newark to other hubs, such as Washington Dulles. ■

# JFK Cargo Association Golf Outing

The JFK Cargo Association held its Annual Charity Golf Outing at the Douglaston Manor Golf Club. The charity chosen was the First Company Pink, an organization that is on a mission to make sure that women of all ages have access to quality care for breast cancer screening and educations about prevention. Their campaign, ‘Got Checked?’ is a call for young and old, men and woman to reach out to your loved ones; your mothers, wives, sisters and daughters to remind them to take care of themselves and be checked.

It was a beautiful day and a successful outing all for a great cause. When we get together as a community, there isn’t anything we can’t do.

For more information about the First Company Pink, go [www.firstcompanypink.org](http://www.firstcompanypink.org)  
For more information about the JFK Cargo Association, go [www.jfkaircargo.net](http://www.jfkaircargo.net) ■



(L. to R.) JFK Cargo Association Board: Mike Bednarz, Joe Badamo, Pete Debenigno, Dayna Harap, John Ryan, Tammy Card, Laura Cascino, Phil Jensen, and Jim Burnett.



(L. to R.) Pastor Dabee, Christ for the World Chapel; Mike Garcia, Aqueous Solutions; and Barry Medwed, WFS (Retired).

## CALMM Meeting Focuses On Workplace Communication



Council of Airline Maintenance Managers (CALMM) held their meeting on September 11th at building 14. The guest speaker was Jerry Li part of Technical operations at JetBlue. Jerry gave a presentation to the group about the importance of communication in the workplace. The next meeting will be held at Aviation High School at Building 141 in November. [www.calmm.com](http://www.calmm.com)



# SpiceJet Heats Up India Freight Market

As Spicejet, an Indian low-cost carrier, begins to gear up for 737 freighter operations, India has come under scrutiny by the air cargo market.

SpiceJet’s foray into freight marks a rare occurrence – a low-cost carrier (LCC) significantly adapting its business model to operate a freighter. Not only that, but the India-based firm is doing it in a market littered with the dreams of past freighter operators.

IATA released figures yesterday showing that last year cargo volumes from India hit the million-ton mark last year, year-on-year growth of nearly 17%. India’s top air freight trading market is the UAE, which has a 30% share, followed by Qatar at 11%.\*

The highest rate of growth was to and from Ethiopia, which saw more than double the tonnage in 2017, year-on-year. Some 35 flights a week are permitted between the two countries, and Ethiopian Airlines last month announced its intention to expand its seven-year codeshare with Air India.

Mumbai and Chennai were among the world’s top 10 fastest-growing airports in freight terms, with 18.1% and 17.2% growth respectively, while Delhi and Mumbai are among the top 50 biggest freight airports.

India has, however, traditionally struggled with its own freighter operations. But, with its strength in two key air cargo markets – pharmaceuticals and e-commerce, combined with a greater ease of doing business in the country, the talk of freighters has re-surfaced.

With DHL’s Blue Dart currently the only domestic freighter operator (despite several near-approaches by Jet Airways), SpiceJet plans to enter the market within the next few weeks, according to local media.

According to Indian credit rating agency Icra, the move comes at a good time. Air cargo traffic is expected to grow 60% in the next five years – and while international tonnage figures hit 1m last year, domestic tonnage was some 12m, up 8%. Currently most of the cargo is carried in bellies, with larger airlines still struggling to make economic sense of freighters.

Spicejet has not yet give details of how many freighters it intends to operate. It will be initially using a converted 737, to operate on routes between metro cities.

The carrier’s cargo business has grown 20-30% annually, earning revenues of Rs241 crore (\$33.6m) in 2017 from its freight operations, which have daily capacity of 600 tons.

Rival Indigo has also started making more noise in the cargo sphere, but it is not yet clear if it intends to operate freighters.

Jet Airways, 24% owned by Etihad, which last month posted a loss of \$188m for the second quarter, was forced to deny rumors of a possible bankruptcy after its credit rating was downgraded. It put the loss down to weak pricing and rising jet fuel costs. It is therefore unlikely to be revisiting the idea of freighters any time soon.

Air India, however, has said it is interested in revisiting freighter operations, via a lease. It has identified markets in Hong Kong, Dhaka, Shanghai and Colombo as well as Europe and the US. ■

\*The data comes following the International Aviation Summit in Delhi, co-hosted by IATA.



## EWR Plane Pull Raises More Than \$130,000 for Special Olympics

The 22nd annual Newark Liberty Plane Pull and Airport Day was held on September 29th. The event brought out hundreds of participants and spectators. The plane used during the event was a United Airlines Boeing 737 that weighs 93,000 pounds without passengers. The task was for a 20 person team to move the plane 12 feet in the fastest time. The money raised went to the NJ Law Enforcement Torch Run for the Special Olympics.

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# Rotary Club Dinner at JFK Crown Plaza

The well attended September 4th Rotary Club dinner meeting, at JFK Crown Plaza, began with a surprise wine tasting, enjoyed by all.

After the opening pledge and prayer, congratulations were extended to Joe Morra, the new Assistant District Governor for Rotary. Katie Bliss, *Metropolitan Airport News*, and Nancy Vargas, DH2 Chauffeured Transportation were welcomed as the newest new board members.

The current board members are Sonia Saleh, Wendy Phaff, Frank McIntyre, Jennifer Alcazar, Ed Dougherty, Nancy Esposito, Gabrielle Sarmiento, Rudy Auslander, and Tammy Card.

President Sonia Saleh urged Rotary members to reach out to the airport community and surrounding businesses for sponsorship and contributions to the JFK Rotary annual Christmas Party. This annual event to be held on December 4, 2018 at the Jet Blue hangar, and will provide 400 special needs children from our area with backpacks, books, t- shirts, lunch with music and a visit from Santa and elves, who arrive on a Jet Blue airplane.

To contribute and find out more about this event go to [www.jfkrotaryclub.org](http://www.jfkrotaryclub.org). ■



(L. to R.) JFK Rotary Board members: Joe Morra, Ed Dougherty, Gabrielle Sarmiento, Katie Bliss, Sonia Saleh, Jennifer Alcazar, Nancy Vargas, Frank McIntyre.

# Delta Airlines Raises Money for Cohen Childrens Medical Center

Delta Airlines held their annual Golf Tournament at the Muttontown Country Club on September 20, 2018. The event was a fund raiser for Cohen Children's Medical Center which is part of the Northwell Health network. Delta raised \$315,000 that will go towards supporting clinical care, research and child life programs at Cohen Children's Medical Center.



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# Remembering Kai Tak Airport



In my previous career, I had the good fortune to fly into Asia quite often. And one of the cities I visited a few times each year was Hong Kong. Any *Metropolitan Airport News* reader who flew into the old Hong Kong Airport – Kai Tak – in the 70's and 80's will recall this unique experience.

There was a single runway, and flying the approach was through – literally through – a downtown retail and residential areas so close to buildings that you could see the wash hanging

from the lines. I came across an article in September's *Aerotimes* blog first published in Qantas' behind the scenes blog – *Roo Tales*. – **EDITOR**

This July marked the 20th anniversary of the closing of Hong Kong's old international airport, Kai Tak, a facility famous for the eye brow-raising views it provided passengers as their planes landed or took off amongst the apartment buildings of Kowloon City.

Passengers had a bird's eye view into the lives of regular Hong Kong residents, who could be seen watching television or preparing their dinner, as Boeing 747s glided past apartment buildings at close range. The airport, famous for its one runway and an approach path loved by some pilots and not others, was renowned around the world by plane spotters.

Over 73 years, since the airport opened (1925), Kai Tak established itself as one of a kind: one of the world's busiest hubs, as well as one of the largest cargo airports, deep in the heart of a major modern metropolis.

But on July 6, 1998, the lights at Kai Tak were turned off for good, making way for its modern replacement, Hong Kong International Airport (HKG) on the island of Chek Lap Kok, far away from Kowloon's residential high rises.

Qantas Airways Airbus A330 Captain Geoff McInnes shared his memories of flying into Kai Tak.

"The most famous approach was coming in on runway 13. As we would be coming in, we'd be looking for what was called the checkerboard which was a set of markings on the side of a hill approaching the airport.

"Once you were lined up with the checkerboard, then you would see the runway lights and need to take a sharp right turn to line up with the runway. We were flying very close to buildings. You could see people's washing and while there was still a safe distance it sometimes looked like the wingtip was almost touching peoples' clothes lines.

"It was one of the most interesting and challenging aircraft approaches given the nature of the low level descending turn – one of the very few times this was allowable in a heavy jet with passengers. It was just great fun.

"Passengers sitting on the right side of the aircraft would have the best view, they'd walk off the aircraft with their eyes wide open."

Pilots would only be rostered to operate in Hong Kong after undergoing simulator training on the specific checkerboard approach. Strong winds could also add further complication, as would the fact that Hong Kong was one of the busiest and most congested airports at the time.

Today, Kai Tak has been reopened as a cruise ship terminal and its replacement, Chek Lap Kok is recognized as one of the best airports in the world. **JOSEPH ALBA**



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# Vaughn College Selected As Top Regional College

Vaughn Maintains Top Regional Ranking and Moves Up in Multiple Categories for 2019.

For the eighth year in a row, Vaughn College has been ranked among the first-tier top regional colleges in the North and holds the sole rank of eighth this year. *U.S. News & World Report* results released September 10 again recognized Vaughn in its 2019 survey of the best regional colleges.

“Vaughn is committed to our mission of preparing graduates for a professional life of success and these latest rankings reflect that dedication,” said President Dr. Sharon B. DeVivo. “This year, in addition to a top ranking, we are particularly proud of a significant increase in the peer assessment category based on a survey of provosts and chief academic leaders that acknowledges the contribution of a Vaughn education.”

Vaughn was also ranked 11 in the “Best Value Schools” in the regional North category reinforcing the value of investing in a Vaughn degree, while coming in at number one and tied

with the City University of New York for ethnic diversity and in the top 10 for the number of international students attending the College.

In this year’s survey, for the second year in a row, Vaughn was ranked third in the “Best Colleges for Veterans” category. Vaughn is committed to its veteran student population providing a transition from military to civilian life and professional skills for long-term career success.

One of the variables used in the ranking is the predicted versus actual graduation rate. U.S. News calculates a predicted six-year graduation rate for Vaughn students based on economic and academic characteristics at the time of admission, and this year they predicted a rate of 43 percent and Vaughn achieved 52 percent.

Vaughn has been consistently recognized for its educational value to students, most recently by Careertrend ranking Vaughn as number four on its list of the hardest working colleges in



the US. The report utilizes data from the US Census and the National Center for Education Statistics to estimate the hours students are likely to work upon graduation, based on the most popular majors at each institution. Last year, Vaughn was recognized as the number one institution in the country in economic mobility as published in *The New York Times*; the best at moving students from the bottom income levels to the top.

*U.S. News & World Report* began its annual rankings of American colleges and universities

in 1983. As in years past, it used more than a dozen indicators to score its 2019 choices, including undergraduate academic reputation, faculty resources, student selectivity, graduation rates, freshman retention rates and alumni giving. Rankings were based on a weighted evaluation of all categories.

Further evidence of graduates’ success is the current career placement rate of 97 percent employed, 82 percent in their field of study, or continuing their education within one year of graduation. ■



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# World's Biggest Equine Airlift for FEI World Equestrian Games Tryon 2018

The largest commercial airlift of horses ever undertaken in the history of horse sport has begun ahead of the FEI World Equestrian Games Tryon 2018, which got underway in North Carolina (USA) on September 11.

The first 67 of a total 550 supremely fit airborne equine athletes have now set foot – or should that be hoof – on the Tryon International Equestrian Center venue, nine days before the start of one of the biggest sporting events on US soil this year.

They joined an additional 270 horses from over 70 countries at these Games, which are world championships in all of the FEI's eight disciplines and qualifiers for the Tokyo 2020 Olympic and Paralympic Games.

Specialist horse transportation company Peden Bloodstock – working alongside The Dutta Corp – has coordinated the highly



complex logistics, with horses from six of the world's seven continents flying into Greenville-Spartanburg International Airport (GSP) in South Carolina and Miami, Florida.

The horses flew into the USA on a total of 23 flights from Liège (BEL) and Dubai (UAE), plus flights from 11 South American cities including Buenos Aires (ARG), Sao Paulo (BRA), Santiago (CHI), Lima (PER), Montevideo (URU) and San José (CRC).

"This is the largest commercial airlift of horses in history, with only wartime shipments of horses coming close, so the military precision involved in the logistics is incredible," FEI President Ingmar De Vos said. "These horses are finely-tuned equine athletes and are not only very valuable, but they must arrive in peak competition condition, just like their human counterparts."

Emirates SkyCargo, a world leader in the air transportation of premium horses, is now celebrating its largest ever horse charter, which started with the landing of flight EK 9387 at GSP today.

The horses flew on a specially designed Boeing 777 freighter aircraft in customized stalls, with independently air conditioned zones maintaining the perfect temperature for these four-legged athletes, which weigh anywhere between 450kg for the lighter Reining and Endurance horses, and 840kg for the heavyweight Vaulting giants.



"Emirates SkyCargo is excited to be working on our largest horse transport charter for the FEI World Equestrian Games Tryon 2018," said Wilfred D'Souza, Manager Cargo Scheduling, Planning & Equine Transportation.

"Over the course of the last 16 years we have developed strong expertise and capabilities in equine transportation and this, combined with careful planning and attention to detail, allows us to consistently deliver a comfortable environment for the horses in flight."

The freight carried from Europe alone – not including the horses themselves – totaled 123,500 tons of equipment, ranging from saddles, bridles, rugs and grooming kits, wheelbarrows and pitch forks, to horse shoes and all-terrain studs, as well as 51 tons of feed, in-flight snacks and 20 liters of water per horse.

Kevin Howell, Senior Vice-President and Chief Operating Officer for GSP: "Today's a

little different, because this is four-legged cargo, we don't move a lot of that. Actually our first equine charter was the test flight earlier this spring. The team is very focused on moving the horses safely, and keeping the horses in the best health and spirits for the competition."

After touchdown at GSP, the first equine arrivals were transferred directly onto trucks – without setting foot on South Carolina tarmac – for the 82km (50-mile) journey to Tryon, crossing over the state line into North Carolina with its stunning Blue Ridge Mountains backdrop.

The FEI World Equestrian Games Tryon 2018 will see human and equine athletes compete for 29 medals in the Olympic disciplines of Eventing, Jumping and Dressage, the Paralympic sport of Para-Dressage, alongside Driving, Endurance, Reining and Vaulting.

The Games also offer qualifying slots for the Tokyo 2020 Olympic and Paralympic Games. ■

## Freight Forwardings Service and Delivery Are Keys to Success

While technology can bring efficiencies, the key remains service

From the *Loadstar* blog comes a discovery that should not surprise many, except the technocrats who may not be comfortable with the conclusions.

Online platforms may be improving freight forwarding's front end, but those predicting the demise of the traditional operator may have overestimated the impact of technology.

Transport Intelligence's recently published Global Freight Forwarding 2018 report, which polled 20 major forwarders and several online platforms, believes the tech crowd are not the transformative power many feared.

"Online forwarders have been key to innovation in service and experience, and in the wider movement to embrace new tech as it matures and start to create value," says the report.

"On the other hand, at a first principles level, the underlying operations of forwarding have remained relatively unchanged. Forwarding remains a process of buying space and securing volumes, of ensuring goods reach destination on time, in good condition, and of building trust and lasting relationships."

Key to its enduring appeal, according to the report, is shippers' need for flexibility in handling their shipments. In contrast, the report argues, by its very nature automation comes with a relatively high level of rigidity, which can cause problems in the supply chain.

"A common refrain from interviewees was that tech forwarders would not be a channel through which large shippers managed their global or regional shipping needs," it says.

"Large shippers with complex, diverse and multi-year requirements will continue to put their logistics needs out to tender and have forwarders bid for it with a negotiating team." Furthermore, many believed that these platforms would also not be suitable for start-ups, which it said often required "hand-holding".

However, the report recognizes there are opportunities for tech platforms to leverage their simplified systems.

"Tech forwarders are best set up to serve SMEs which require 'transactional' country-to-country services, such as the booking of the core sea or air transportation," it says.

"Simplicity and responsiveness are often the most crucial factors in determining which forwarder an SME picks, and this is the main reason they would use a tech forwarder."

Yet it also questions the potential profitability of online platforms, noting that the levels of transparency they bring with them are squeezing margins.

An "overwhelming" number of respondents indicated gross profit per teu had fallen, and

would continue to drop, although there was no consensus on how much.

"However, 'costs to serve' should fall as front-end online booking entail lower process costs compared to traditional forwarding," it adds. "And this was one of the most common themes among those interviewed: that process automation was the way in which forwarders were reducing costs."

It concludes that the lack of transformative quality brought about by tech platforms will see only some of them find a sustainable business model. While acknowledging that these platforms had changed the strategies of the larger forwarders, it suggests they do not offer an existential threat.

"There is no future where they displace large forwarders, which will continue to manage the needs of large shippers," it says. "Nor is there a future where the innovations such forwarders and platforms have brought to the market and drawn out of the incumbent players disappears." ■

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# JetBlue Supports Puerto Rico Tourism to the Island With Its Newest Livery: Bluericua

Bluericua, Designed with Help from JetBlue Crewmembers in Puerto Rico, Features the Unique Icons and Cultural Elements of ‘La Isla Del Encanto’

JetBlue, Puerto Rico’s largest airline, has unveiled its latest special livery, which is dedicated to “La Isla del Encanto.” The Airbus 320 aircraft – tail N779JB – is named “Bluericua,” blending JetBlue’s brand with the affectionate name for people of Puerto Rican descent. This custom-designed livery is inspired by JetBlue’s admiration for Puerto Rico’s dynamic culture, stunning beauty and the passionate spirit of its community.

Bluericua is a very public display reaffirming JetBlue’s commitment to Puerto Rico and takes the airline’s celebration of Puerto Rican culture to new heights. This special livery reminds those who see it of the reasons they should choose Puerto Rico for their next vacation and will inspire Puerto Ricans outside of the island to take a trip home to visit family and friends.

Bluericua was designed with help from a group of JetBlue crewmembers based in San Juan, Aguadilla and Ponce, Puerto Rico. Together, they identified the quintessential

cultural symbols that will promote Puerto Rico as Bluericua travels throughout the JetBlue system.

Bluericua’s starting point is its vibrant shade of blue – the brightest JetBlue has used in its fleet, in keeping with the vibrancy of the island. Emerging from this vibrant backdrop is the iconic Puerto Rican skyline near El Morro, where seven kites are being flown, representing seven symbols of the island’s culture that include:

- Single Star, inspired by the Puerto Rican flag.
- A Hexagon Kite, in the traditional “chiringa” style for Puerto Rico.
- Dominoes, the ever-present game at gatherings, with the double 6 being the highest tile.
- Coqui, the singing tree frog and the unofficial symbol of Puerto Rico.
- Hibiscus, the national flower of Puerto Rico
- Iguaca, the parrot found exclusively in El Yunque National Forest.
- Tambourine, to celebrate the importance of music in Puerto Rican culture.



Flying kites is a beloved pastime for the Puerto Rican community, and Bluericua celebrates this tradition that brings together family and friends. Bluericua’s kites start out at the Puerto Rican skyline and fly in unison toward the aircraft’s tail fin, evoking feelings of being carefree and happy – all emotions that a trip to Puerto Rico can deliver.

“Bluericua is our way of celebrating Puerto Rico’s resiliency and its culture. There is so much that Puerto Ricans can be proud of, and our crewmembers did a great job of identifying those prominent symbols that represent the island’s rich culture, heritage and natural beauty,” said Marty St. George, JetBlue’s executive vice president of commercial and planning. “We remain committed to promoting tourism to Puerto Rico, as the island is open and ready to welcome visitors, family and friends.”

“The Government of Puerto Rico acknowledges and thanks JetBlue for its firm commitment to the development of local economy and tourism of the Island, creating new jobs, expanding its routes and frequency of flights to Puerto Rico, through its JetBlue 100×35 initiative, and now celebrating and giving wide visibility to the Puerto Rican culture with the newly designed Bluericua livery,” said the chief executive.

Roselló also added that “very few destinations have a dedicated aircraft, much less as a gift from JetBlue. We are honored to receive this detail from this important partner for us, which demonstrates the strong collaboration between JetBlue and the Puerto Rico Tourism Company”.

“JetBlue has been a great partner and ally of the Puerto Rican community for over 16 years. The airline’s commitment to the Island, has been showcased during the past year, with the implementation of a series of programs to support every step of our recovery. The partnership between the Government of Puerto Rico and JetBlue is stronger today than it has ever

been. Today, we thank JetBlue for this new livery, which celebrates Puerto Rican culture. ‘Bluericua’ will generate great attention for our destination in all markets that JetBlue serves and will serve as a reminder of the diversity and authenticity of our offering,” said Carla Campos, executive director of the Puerto Rico Tourism Company.

Bluericua made a special visit to San Juan with a lively airport celebration hosted by JetBlue and the Puerto Rico Tourism Company, with the governor of Puerto Rico, Ricardo Rosselló, on hand to welcome the aircraft to its cultural home for the first time. Bluericua later operated its first commercial flight for customers from San Juan traveling to Boston, continuing the celebration in the air.

## Celebrating the Puerto Rican Community and Its Recovery

JetBlue recently launched a campaign that pays homage to the beloved practice of spontaneous applause once a flight lands in Puerto Rico, along with some of the island’s iconic music. JetBlue teamed up with Puerto Rican musicians Ángel “Cucco” Peña and Víctor Manuelle to create a surprise and delight experience for customers traveling on a recent New York JFK-San Juan flight to celebrate the tradition. Victor Manuelle led an improvised rhythmic chant, incorporating the famous applause with live music, all while inviting JetBlue customers to join the fun during an aircraft-wide celebration.

Earlier this spring, JetBlue returned to pre-hurricane capacity, offering up to 48 daily flights between Puerto Rico and 13 cities in the mainland US, the US Virgin Islands and the Dominican Republic. JetBlue also welcomed 50 new ground and airport operations crewmembers. Puerto Rico is home to nearly 500 JetBlue crewmembers who support the airline’s operations in its focus city of San Juan, as well as in Aguadilla and Ponce. ■

# China Is The Biggest Hacking and Cybersecurity Threat

Russia is a small player compared to the resources and man-power China devotes to cyber espionage

While US politicians and media continue to be obsessed over the “Russian hacking” of the election; they may be training their sights on a minor player and missing our biggest threat today.

A report published on September 1st by the Foundation for Defense of Democracies warns Chinese cyberespionage is the “single greatest threat to U.S. technology,” siphoning over \$300 billion per year from the U.S. economy.

“China is engaged in wide-ranging cyber intrusions and network exploitations causing massive damage to U.S. and other foreign firms annually. By advantaging Chinese enterprises at the expense of competitors from the United States and its allies and partners, these attacks cumulatively degrade U.S. national security,” said the report.

The Foundation attributed up to 80 percent of cross-border intellectual property theft worldwide, and over 90 percent of economic cyberespionage in the United States, to Chinese hackers. This rampant theft has allowed China’s state-run firms to steal what they need to erase the competitive advantages of pioneering American companies and “erode the United States’ long-term position as a world leader in innovation and competitiveness,” including leadership in technology with military applications.

The report also describes China using cyberespionage as an instrument of “economic coercion,” citing the example of “significant cyber-attacks from China” last year against the Lotte Group, the South Korean conglomerate



that agreed to host America’s THAAD anti-missile system on its property. The Chinese government also ceased e-commerce cooperation with Lotte and shut down almost all of its retail locations in China on flimsy pretexts.

China’s economic and cyber-attacks on South Korea over THAAD deployment chopped 0.4 percent from South Korea’s GDP according to an estimate cited in the report, “providing a lesson to other countries that China can use coercive and cyber-enabled economic measures to shape their foreign policy.”

Corporate threat manager Priscilla Moriuchi gave another example of how China uses cyber espionage against foreign interests, saying, “After a company makes overtures to China, about a joint venture or investment, you would see hackers targeting the server or executive to see what they thought of the meeting.”

According to the FBI, China maintains a force of over 30,000 military hackers supported by 150,000 private-sector experts tasked with stealing American military secrets and technological information. China’s military hackers generally take the lead on offensive cyber operations, then loop in “voluntary civilian participants who can conduct network operations after being mobilized and organized.”

## Department of Homeland Security Thinks Next 9/11 Will Be a Cyber attack

Homeland Security Secretary Kirstjen Nielsen said that her agency faces cyber threats on the scale of the September 11 terrorist attack.

“DHS was founded fifteen years ago to prevent another 9/11. I believe an attack of that magnitude is now more likely to reach us online than on an airplane. Our digital lives are in danger like never before,” said Nielsen, citing

interference with America’s computerized election systems and the possibility of terrorist drone attacks against civilian crowds as especially troubling threats.

Nielsen wants Congress to elevate the cybersecurity division of Homeland Security to an agency on the level of U.S. Customs and Border Protect to face threats “at the highest levels since the Cold War.”

“The pace of innovation, our hyper-connectivity and our digital dependence have opened cracks in our defenses, creating new opportunities and new vectors through which these nefarious actors can strike us. The result is a world where threats are more numerous, more widely distributed, highly networked, increasingly adaptive, and incredibly difficult to root out,” she warned.

The threat extends to America’s allies as well. Reuters reported that German intelligence is worried about “cyber bombs,” malicious code planted in companies by bad actors like China and Russia to be activated at a crucial moment in the future.

## Germans Also Very Concerned About China Breaches of Security

The Germans are also worried that China is making big investments in key German high-tech firms to “buy information for its own technical progress, or to gain a position in specific areas that will make it impossible for others to continue developments there.”

As the Foundation for the Defense of Democracies report noted, China is adept at using cyberespionage to grease the wheels of such economic strategies, calling on its hackers to weaken corporate takeover targets, spy on their business decisions, and steal their technology outright. ■

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# Managing Your Cybersecurity Challenge On a Constrained IT Budget

**BY STEPHANE GOMEZ**

Cybersecurity Lead, Consulting and Security Operation Center (SOC) Practice

Stephane Gomez, cybersecurity lead, consulting and Security Operation Center (SOC) practice at SITA, explores the financial implications surrounding online security and how they can be overcome.

Cybersecurity has shot to the top of the airport chief information officer's investment priorities, with the vast majority of airports (96%) planning to invest in cybersecurity projects in the next three years.

That shouldn't surprise any of us, as forecasts from IT analysts are unable to keep pace with the dramatic rise in cybercrime. What's certain is that the unstoppable march of digital transformation projects across all industries, including aviation, will only serve to heighten our vulnerabilities to cybercrime.

The air transport industry's insatiable hunger for more data and better business intelligence is driving an explosion of cloud computing initiatives and Internet-of-Things

(IoT) devices. This further accelerates the need to better secure our fast-evolving airport IT infrastructure.

## A Security Paradox:

### Exploding Threats, Limited Budgets

Recent research shows that cyber threats are at an all-time high. Symantec reports increases across the board: 46% increase in new ransomware variants, 600% increase in attacks against IoT devices, 54% increase in mobile malware variants, and 80% increase in new malware on Macs.

Yet despite the explosion of threats, security executives, especially at smaller organizations such as airports, are struggling to keep up with the rising costs, skills and resources that are needed to stay on top of this growing threat to their data, and maybe more importantly, to their company reputation.

So far, spending on IT to protect from the increasing risks has not grown in the same way. Ernst & Young reports that 87% of enterprises say they require up to 50% more budget for effective cybersecurity.

## Building a SOC

### On a Tight Budget:

#### The Shared Service Model

A cybersecurity aviation SOC is often the first component security executives look at when building up their cyber capabilities. This centralized unit takes charge of security monitoring for the airport's entire information systems and the management of detected cybersecurity incidents. It addresses many of the key challenges facing the airport's IT organization in starting up a cybersecurity capability, in particular, the shortage of skills and people.

Building a dedicated SOC can be costly and time-consuming. It demands ongoing attention to be effective, and for many smaller airports, this is often seen as a stumbling block.

An alternative approach is to share SOC services across multiple airports within an airport group or commercially linked airports. A shared model spreads benefits and costs across multiple airports, enabling the sharing of information, best practices and a common governance of cybersecurity. That includes detection

technology and tools, security knowledge and people, all of which are common across every participating airport's IT department.

It also enables a group of airports to act as a single community to engage with the government on issues related to security. For many airports across the world, this is a clear way forward in the quest to tackle cyber threats, bringing with it substantial cost savings over a dedicated SOC.

## A Vital Final Point: Make Sure It's Tailored to Air Transport

Airports, independent of their size or location, share similar business objectives and are driven by comparable business models and processes. Cybersecurity must be tailored to those business objectives, as it demands specific in-depth knowledge of those unique airport processes and priorities.

This leads to a growing call for the development of 'verticalized' solutions to address the industry's unique threat profile. SITA CyberSecurity launched a comprehensive suite of expert security services focusing on the specific needs of the airport. ■

## China Airlines Adds Rickenbacker Freight Operation

Taiwan's China Airlines has launched three times a week Boeing 747-400 Freight services between Taipei and Columbus, Ohio.

Rickenbacker Airport is the carrier's 11th US destination. The airline provides onward connections to Chicago, Seattle and Anchorage.

China Airlines noted that Rickenbacker's airfreight volumes "jumped" by 70% in 2017 compared to 2016, as the number of freighter flights grew by around 20% for the year. It described the airport as having "strong potential" as a transit hub serving locations across the eastern US.

Other destinations in the airline's US freighter network include Anchorage, Chicago, Dallas, Miami, Seattle, Houston and Atlanta.

In April, AirBridgeCargo Airlines became the fifth freighter operator to provide scheduled services at Rickenbacker.



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## The School Sisters of Notre Dame Harvest of Wine and Cheese

The School Sisters of Notre Dame held their annual Harvest Wine and Cheese on September 16th. The School Sisters have been a long-supported organization by the Airport Community. The mission at the educational center in Woodhaven is that an educated woman is an agent of change for herself, her family and society. Led by Sister Cathy Feeney, the school is well attended by women in the area seeking to learn English, get their GED or just strengthen their skills for the current employment market.

The event this year honored Brendan Ryan and Joe Haufe, longtime supporters of the school. Reggie Bal from ATC Aviation was there to present a check for \$3,500, proceeds raised at the Dan Ferrante Golf Outing held in August. The Semantics organization also donated \$1,000. ■

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## Atlas Air Worldwide Announces 747-400F Aircraft Transportation Services Agreement With SF Express

Atlas Air Worldwide Holdings, Inc. (Nasdaq: AAWW) today announced that its Atlas Air, Inc. unit has entered into an aircraft transportation services agreement to operate a Boeing 747-400 Freighter for SF Express, China's leading express service provider, to enhance operating capability between China and the United States.

Atlas Air will operate the aircraft on behalf of SF Express on key global routes across the fast-growing transpacific market, connecting China with the United States. The aircraft is an incremental unit in Atlas Air's fleet in response to customer demand and will enter into service in October 2018.

"We are delighted to welcome SF Express as a strategic customer and to continue expanding our position in the express industry and the Asia-Pacific market," said William J. Flynn, President and Chief Executive Officer, Atlas Air Worldwide. "SF Express plays a very important role in the growing express and e-commerce industries, and we look forward to providing SF Express and its customers with unmatched service and a platform for future global expansion." ■



## Airlines Look To Preventative Maintenance To Reduce Expensive Overhauls

Since an auxiliary power unit (APU) provides electrical power and the pneumatic supply for both air conditioning and main engine start, the impact of a malfunctioning unit at the gate can be severe.

Sometimes, an operator's only indications of impending problems are a loss in bleed pressure and an increase in exhaust gas temperature. This might occur following lengthy operation in hot environments, where high ambient temperatures require additional fuel to be used by the APU.

This may result in hot section distress. When the unit is stripped down it is not uncommon to see severe degradation in the compressor sections and substantial degradation in the hot section of the engine.

The first step at maintenance induction is to ascertain the level of repair required, and this can often be determined by carrying out an initial borescope inspection. MRO providers may then carry out a preliminary test run of the engine, although this may be avoided if hot section damage or excessive oil leakage is observed on the borescope.

Preventive maintenance can avoid more expensive overhauls, though, as Aaron Stidder, APU services manager for Air New Zealand explains:

"In some circumstances the maintenance of their APU is kept to the minimum and is often overlooked with some operators choosing to operate the engine to the point of automatic shut-down to extract the maximum life from the unit.

"This can often lead to costly repairs and overhaul in order to provide a serviceable unit back to the operator which could have been avoided if a proper maintenance and trend monitoring program had been utilized." ■

# Delta Contributes \$500K to American Red Cross for Disaster Relief In Response to Hurricane Florence

Delta Air Lines will contribute \$500,000 to the American Red Cross to aid in the relief efforts in the Carolinas and surrounding areas as a result of Hurricane Florence, which made landfall in North Carolina last month. The slow moving system dumped record amounts of rain leaving behind severe flooding and widespread destruction.

“Delta stands in support of the people affected by Hurricane Florence,” said Tad Hutcheson, Delta’s Managing Director of Community Engagement. “We are grateful to have partners like the American Red Cross and to be able to contribute to experts that specialize in disaster response year-round and can help provide immediate assistance to those in need.”

This contribution is in addition to the \$1 million grant to the Red Cross as an Annual Disaster Giving Program (ADGP) partner. Delta employees and customers are also contributing to the Red Cross in support of disaster response in the wake of the catastrophic flooding caused by Florence.

Delta customers can support the relief efforts for Florence by donating through Delta’s customer microsite, created in partnership with the Red Cross. Donations will go toward immediate relief needs for those affected by Hurricane Florence.

The American Red Cross is Delta’s longest-standing non-profit partner, which has allowed the airline, its customers and employees to help people in need for more than 75 years. Delta is the largest corporate blood donor to the organization in the U.S., and there is an urgent need for blood in the wake of Hurricane Florence with over 150 Red Cross blood drives being cancelled in the flood ravaged areas.

To find the closest blood drive to you, visit [www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org).

Giving back is core to Delta and its culture. Delta is committed to being a strong partner and giving back to the communities where its employees live, work and serve, contributing one percent of its net income to charitable organizations each year, which was over \$45 million in 2017. Delta, The Delta Air Lines Foundation and its employees contribute thousands of volunteer hours and millions of dollars to a host of causes across the globe. ■



MICHAEL BALDINI

## LGA Safety Day 2018

LaGuardia Airport held their 18th Annual Safety Day on 9/27/18. The event was held in Hangar 7 and included presentations, exhibits, and vendors from many companies and agencies all looking to educate us all on how to be more aware of our personal protection and safety. All of the safety conscious LGA employees enjoyed a barbecue lunch!

# DHL Takes the Complexity Out of Customs With Customs Connection

DHL Global Forwarding launches its new one stop-shop platform for its U.S. customs brokerage customers.

DHL Global Forwarding, the air and ocean freight specialist within Deutsche Post DHL Group, announced the launch of its new Customs Connection platform in the United States. Customs Connection replaces the previous DHL platform and acts as a one stop-shop for all customs processes backed by a sophisticated technological architecture.

“With the changing customs landscape, DHL Global Forwarding now offers a platform that is more dynamic, robust and easy to use, allowing our U.S. customers to obtain their data in a more accessible manner,” said David Goldberg, CEO for DHL Global Forwarding, U.S. “This platform complements the Customs Brokerage services we offer through our team of 800 experts across the U.S.”

Customs Connection features include enhanced functionalities, such as a dashboard where customers can view and download their current and historical information and data, filter through commodities/origin and destination categories, generate reports, obtain invoice information and view a breakdown of their total brokerage costs. Prior to the official launch, DHL Global Forwarding held an initial pilot with multiple phases at the beginning of 2018 with select customers.

“We are transitioning all of our U.S. Customs Brokerage customers onto this new platform and have obtained very positive feedback and reviews thus far,” said Alejandro Palacios, head of Customs Brokerage for DHL Global Forwarding, U.S. “It is a platform that will help our customers be more efficient by giving them the opportunity to take control of all of their customs data with complete visibility and tracking.”

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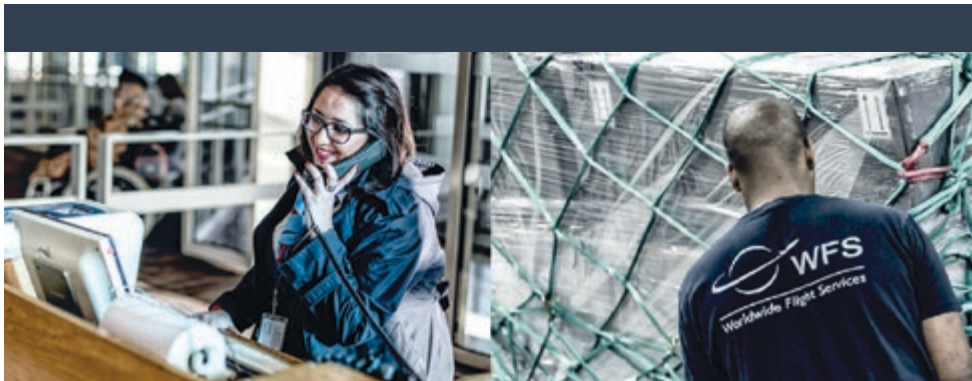
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# Lufthansa Gears Up for Oktoberfest

Oktoberfest, a traditional German folk festival most famous for its beer, started September 22, 2018 and will last until October 7, 2018.

On September 19, 2018, Lufthansa made headlines when it announced not only dressing up its flight crew in traditional Bavarian costumes, but this year also bringing beer kegs on board to serve fresh draft beer. The first flight serving tap beer already took off from Munich to New York (Newark) on September 19, 2018, with two more special flights to follow with upcoming weeks.

If a sentiment to Oktoberfest can be expected from a German airline, the next carrier that has an annual tradition to celebrate the occasion might come with a bit of surprise. Emirates also has a sentiment for the occasion, which it describes as “the longest wedding reception ever” - noting to the origins of the festival – celebration of Bavarian Crown Prince Ludwig and Princess Therese of Saxony-Hildburghausen marriage in 1810.

On September 20, 2018, the carrier announced that on the festival days, on flights between Dubai and Germany it would serve seasonal menu of Bavarian-inspired food. Beer also plays a role in Emirates menu, with the carrier preparing to woo its passengers with a beer by authentic Oktoberfestbier supplier in a traditional stein (German beer glass). ■



## Follow Lead of Commercial MRO Shops Says Department of Defense

Deputy Secretary of Defense Patrick Shanahan would like to benchmark aircraft maintenance performance of the US Air Force against commercial operators conducting similar work.

The idea is part of a larger effort by the Department of Defense to improve readiness of the USAF as the service reemphasizes an expeditionary force structure, which calls for the rapid, flexible deployment of aircraft across the world at short notice.

Jokingly calling the concept R&D, or rip-off and deploy, Shanahan’s proposal was made in a speech at the Air Force Association’s Air, Space & Cyber Conference in National Harbor, Maryland September 19th. “A custom, federated approach, is a trap,” he says.

Instead, in areas such as engine overhaul, depot throughput and asset utilization the USAF should be looking to copy commercial airline’s maintenance performance.

“Similarities between operating and maintaining aircraft in the military and the commercial world are remarkably high. The similarities in performance are not,” says Shanahan. “We should compare ourselves to commercial analogs in order to guard against insularity.”

The concept worked during World War II, he says, noting the USA put the mass production expertise of manufacturers such as Ford Motor to use building tanks and airplanes.

Copying industry techniques may not be as simple as going to the hardware store, but it’s faster and cheaper than recreating the wheel,” says Shanahan. ■





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# JFK Airport’s T4 Hosts Interactive, Social Media-Driven Event Series

In partnership with DFS, live photo mosaics generated brand engagement from passengers

Terminal 4 at John F. Kennedy International Airport – one of the world’s most active air terminals – recently hosted a four-part hashtag mosaic activation in partnership with luxury travel retailer DFS. Powered by Luster, a company specializing in experiential social media interactions, this event took place at DFS’s main beauty store within Terminal 4’s Retail Lounge and attracted thousands of visitors. Throughout August and September, passengers and staff were invited to share photos on Instagram and Twitter using the event hashtags #FromDFSwithLove and #FirstClassBeauty. This user-generated content was converted into photo stickers which were then printed and hand-placed in matching mosaic cells on a DFS-branded wall, creating a beautiful mosaic, one photo at a time.



Onlookers and participants had the opportunity to watch the mosaics develop in real time during each Friday evening exhibit. Each week’s completed mosaic remained on display outside of DFS’s main beauty store for passengers to admire as they passed through the terminal.

This exhibit was a part of Terminal 4’s continuous efforts to provide passengers with a superior, unique experience. Additionally, the terminal’s expansive Retail Lounge offers more than 122,200 square-feet devoted to shopping and dining – featuring more than 45 retail shops and 30 restaurants – including chic, upscale boutiques, convenience and gift stores, world-class eateries, well-known casual dining, healthy options, and food-to-go, fitting the need of every traveler. ■



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## Broadway Star Jelani Remy Joins Port Authority Sing for Hope & Timeout

Ceremony unveiling public piano at Port Authority Bus Terminal



Broadway star Jelani Remy and singer-songwriter Nina Luna led a ribbon-cutting ceremony for the unveiling of the Sing for Hope and TimeOut public piano at noon on Friday, September 21, at the Port Authority Bus Terminal.

The Port Authority and Sing For Hope joined with TimeOut to bring a vibrant, publicly accessible piano to the bus terminal as part of its initiatives to improve the customer experience at the facility. The piano features eye-catching primary colors with iconic TimeOut cover art suggested by its readers.

Since 2014, the Port Authority Bus Terminal’s Quality of Commute program has worked to improve the customer experience and enhance the condition of the bus facility by creating partnerships with entities like Sing for Hope, which focuses on bringing harmony to leading international transit hubs. Sing for Hope launched its partnership with the Port Authority in 2016, which resulted in a New York Times write-up and numerous specially curated concerts.

It has since become a staple of the evening rush, providing the bus terminal’s 265,000 daily commuters with live entertainment from Sing for Hope’s world-class artist partners.

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LAGUARDIA AIRPORT  
KIWANIS MONTHLY MEETING  
Aloft New York, LaGuardia Airport, East Elmhurst, NY  
[www.lgakiwanis.org](http://www.lgakiwanis.org)

**October 12**  
BOMBARDIER EMPLOYMENT OPEN HOUSE  
Hartford Business Aircraft Service Center,  
Bradley International Airport, Windsor Locks, CT  
[www.bombardier.com](http://www.bombardier.com)

- October 14**  
EWR RUN THE RUNWAY 5K  
Newark Liberty International Airport, Newark, NJ  
[www.niamco.org](http://www.niamco.org)

**October 17**  
JFK ROTARY CLUB LUNCHEON  
Hilton Garden at JFK, Jamaica NY  
[www.jfkrotaryclub.org](http://www.jfkrotaryclub.org)

**October 25**  
2018 OUR LADY OF THE SKIES LUNCHEON  
Cradle of Aviation Museum, Garden City, NY  
[www.jfkchapel.org](http://www.jfkchapel.org)

**October 27**  
TRI-STATE CHAPTER TUSKEGEE AIRMEN  
ANNUAL SCHOLARSHIP GALA  
New York Law School, New York, NY  
[www.nyls.edu/tuskegee](http://www.nyls.edu/tuskegee)

**November 1**  
ASDO'S 23RD ANNUAL  
AVIATION NETWORKING EVENT  
Ramada Plaza Newark Airport Hotel, Newark, NJ  
[www.asdoonline.com](http://www.asdoonline.com)

**November 6**  
ROTARY CLUB DINNER  
Honoring Ted Walters, JetBlue, and long-time  
membersCrowne Plaza JFK, Jamaica NY  
[www.jfkrotaryclub.org](http://www.jfkrotaryclub.org)

- November 7**  
16TH ANNUAL AIR AND SPACE GALA  
Cradle of Aviation Museum, Garden City, NY  
[www.cradleofaviation.org](http://www.cradleofaviation.org)

**November 8**  
VAUGHN COLLEGE GALA  
Vaughn College, Flushing, NY  
[www.vaughn.edu/gala](http://www.vaughn.edu/gala)

**November 13**  
COUNCIL OF AIRLINE MAINTENANCE  
MANAGERS (CALMM) MEETING  
Aviation High School Annex Building,  
JFK Airport, Jamaica, NY  
[www.calmm.com](http://www.calmm.com)

**November 16**  
KAAMCO DINNER DANCE  
ON "THE SPIRIT OF NY"  
[www.kaamco.org](http://www.kaamco.org)

**December 4**  
JFK ROTARY CLUB –  
KIDS CHRISTMAS PARTY  
Jet Blue Hangar #81, Jamaica, NY  
[www.jfkrotaryclub.org](http://www.jfkrotaryclub.org)

**December 5**  
METROPOLITAN AIRPORT NEWS  
3RD ANNUAL HOLIDAY PARTY  
Inn at New Hyde Park, New Hyde Park, NY  
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### LGA Mobile Outreach Office

The LaGuardia Airport Redevelopment Team is committed to developing and maintaining strong relations with local residents, elected officials and civic organizations within the surrounding airport community.

And that's why the new Mobile Community Outreach Unit was all over Queens this summer informing our neighbors about employment and contract opportunities through our Job and Trade Fairs – and even holding two Back-to-School-Book Bag giveaways!

The Port Authority, which operates the area's major airports, recognizes the importance of supporting various community initiatives and wants to take a proactive role in being a good neighbor. ■



## 3D Luggage Scanners at JFK

Good news for travelers tired of waiting in those long security checkpoint lines at JFK!

Since July, the Transportation Security Agency has worked with American Airlines in Terminal 8, to test new Computed Tomography (or, CT) scanners that can view liquids, aerosols and gels inside carry-on bags, which speeds up the entire screening process.

The 2Dimensional scanners currently in use only provide images from certain angles, but these 3D scanners take hundreds of images in seconds using a spinning X-ray camera that is not only able to rotate 360-degrees, but also allows agents to zoom into images for a closer look if necessary.

The TSA first announced plans to deploy these scanners at 145 airports across the U.S. by 2019, but they've been so successful that the agency now plans to have more than 200 scanners in operation by next year.

In addition to JFK, these scanners are already in full use at airport security checkpoints in Phoenix and Boston where they were first tested.

And even though the TSA expects to have 15 more CT machines in use by the end of 2018, the general public will have to wait a little bit longer before the old fashioned screening regulations for carry-on luggage becomes a thing of the past. ■



HMSHost recently introduced new culinary offerings for travelers such as probiotic beverages and healthy lifestyle bento boxes like the Paleo Lunch Box and the Protein Lunch box.

## Healthy Food Options at Airports

It's not your imagination! More domestic and international airports are offering healthier food choices, thanks to traveler's increasing desire for more nutritional options and airport concession companies rising to meet their demands.

HMSHost, which operates in over 120 airports around the world including Newark Liberty International, recently launched a new wellness initiative called "Eat Well. Travel Further." to highlight the company's commitment to the health-conscious traveler by offering five different Bento Boxes; like the Paleo Lunch Box and the Protein Lunch Box which contain 500 calories or less, and are free of any artificial ingredients. Plus they're offering a wide array of healthy snacks and 30 combinations of vegetable and fruit juices and smoothies.

OTG, an airport concession company known for its innovative features; like installing iPads for customers at its restaurants, is also catering to the health-conscious crowd by offering Gluten-free bread, Vegan and Low Sodium sandwich choices, cold-pressed juices and fresh fruit at its numerous locations throughout the country, including John F. Kennedy International Airport.

Plus OTG operates Cibo Express Gourmet Markets, found at all three New York metropolitan area airports, and they plan to open a new World Nectar juice bar at Newark Liberty's Terminal C in September.

With so many healthy ways to dine at airports these days, there's no more excuses for you not to eat your veggies. Bon Appetite! ■

## 2018 Air Show Crowd Breaks Record

The numbers are in and by all accounts the 2018 New York Air Show held at New York Stewart International Airport, September 15-16 was a success!

Not only that, the estimated crowd of 25,000 spectators exceeded the number of visitors attending the upstate Air Show in the past three years.

Aside from the headliner U.S. Air Force Thunderbirds flying in strict formation with their F-16 fighter jets, other acts included the West Point Parachute Team, Acrobatic Pilots Mike Wiskus and Kent Pietsch, as well as demonstration flights by the WWII-era B-17 'Flying Fortress' and the C-5M Galaxy, the largest military transport plane in the world.

Located approximately 70 miles north of New York City, Stewart International Airport is also home to the New York Air National Guard 105th Airlift Wing, recently assigned to rescue efforts in North and South Carolina after Hurricane Florence.

The Port Authority of New York and New Jersey has operated New York Stewart International Airport since 2007. ■

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