Arrivals & departures in JFK's top slots

BY JEFF YAPALATER
Top JFK Airport Management come and go as aviation careers offer new challenges throughout the world. There are few people who are arriving and departing JFK Airport recently. Everett, who joined the Port Authority as the new Deputy Director, Aviation Department last August, is serving as JFK’s Interim General Manager. Everett had been the Executive Director at Lehigh-Northampton Airport Authority before joining the Port Authority of NYNJ as Deputy Aviation Director. Terminal

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HEAR YE, HEAR YE
FAA, Port Authority promise to listen to stakeholders’ input

BY JEFF YAPALATER
The New York Community Aviation Roundtable (NYCAR) (Roundtable) met in a full session with both LaGuardia and JFK Airport committees to review recent individual committee activities and move forward with action items. The only problem that with this action was a lack of a quorum to conduct business.

Therefore the October minutes and motions were unable to be voted on leaving some of the attendees unhappy with the lack of attendance by important voting members and inability to take action at this meeting.

Because this lack of attendance has happened before Barbara Brown, and Warren Schreiber, co-chairs of NYCAR, had drafted a letter to address the individual members who have missed more than two meetings. The letter stressed the need for attendance or possible suspension of voting rights. In debating the merits of the letter a couple of members felt it did not go far enough in remarking on the lack of attendance while others felt it was a good beginning to get the attention of the voting members.

On a brighter note, other

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Meet mechanics of future

AIRPORT VOICE
The recent failure of a CFM engine on a Southwest Jet has raised concern over the safety of jet engines. There are calls from politicians to do a better job in inspecting aircraft engines.

Inspecting engines can begin with one of the graduates from the Aviation High School here in NY and at JFK Airport.

The Aviation High School (AHS) Annex at JFK Airport trains students for a career in aviation mechanics. At their facility they learn how to inspect aircraft engines with a variety of instruments. One is the borescope which is an endoscopy type camera which can penetrate the inner areas of an engine and show details of parts such as chips, corrosion or other conditions. If this inspection indicates damage, then the engine goes to further inspection with ultrasound or X-rays.

Ultrasound can detect early stages of metal fatigue which is suspected as a reason for the Southwest engine

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Keeping it in the family

KAAMCO brings NTSB assistance centers to airport

BY JEFF YAPALATER

The Kaamco organization has been proactive in bringing important agencies to their meetings. Last year the National Transportation Safety Board made a presentation on their overall duties which was well received by the members. As a follow-up to this presentation, the NTSB held a one day Aviation Disaster Preparedness Family Assistance Operations Workshop at the Hilton at JFK Airport. Sponsored by Kaamco, the JFK and LaGuardia Airport Port Authority, the NYC Emergency Management Office and the NTSB. This was open to all interested personnel involved with operations, security, airlines, and aviation companies holding a position of responsibility at the airports.

This workshop was of great importance because of the huge volume of flights our area airports handle and the need for family assistance contingencies in case of a serious accident. In the past twelve months, JFK and LGA serviced about 800,000 aircraft movements with about 90 million passengers. According to Ajay Dhawan, past president of Kaamco, “As airline managers, we can never afford to take airline safety for granted and must continually work together as a community to keep the safety of our passengers as our very top priority. This NTSB workshop will help us to sharpen our skills and maintain our ready state of preparedness”.

This was a full day covering the NTSB mission overview, and in depth information on the Airport Family Assistance Preparations which deals primarily with the after action of working with the families of those who are killed in an airport accident. These support services are found at the Family Assistance Centers (FAC) and Joint Family Support Operations Center (JFSOC) facilities at airports around the country. Topics in the workshop included, NYSB overview, Federal legislation and Family Assistance plans and guidance, Airport Family Assistance operations, Medicolegal operations, Victim accounting, NYC emergency management, family assistance centers, and victim accident case studies.

Most of the attendees left with comments as “great workshop”, “glad I attended”, “fantastic”, “grave subject but need to know how to assist”. Dhawan thanked Max Green and Kimberly Frierson of the NTSB and all the other airport terminal managers, Port people, TFAC, Kaamco and Jay Brandt of the NYC OEM for their contributions and expertise for this workshop.
Southwest engine failure unsettling

Inspectors try to figure out what went wrong

A passenger died and several others were injured when Southwest Airline flight 1380 departing from LaGuardia Airport bound for Dallas, suffered a catastrophic engine failure and made an emergency landing in Philadelphia April 17. Philadelphia Fire Commissioner Adam Thiel said Seven other people were treated for minor injuries and that there was a fuel leak resulting in a small fire in one of the engines when firefighters arrived but quickly got it under control.

According to one passenger Marty Martinez, “everyone was in a state of panic after a piece of the engine crashed through a window and struck a passenger, killing her. Oxygen masks were deployed after the explosion with many people thinking the plane as doomed. “There was blood everywhere.”

Martinez said that people on the plane rushed to help the injured woman while a passenger was trying to plug the hole in the window with no success.

He said smoke came into the plane through the window and it was difficult to breathe through the oxygen mask.

“It was the most terrifying experience,” Martinez told CBSN. “I mean, to think that as I’m going down and people are jumping in my live feed and I’m like ‘the plane’s going down’ and I’m just thinking that at any moment now my internet could cut out and that would be that’s it.”

The plane is a Boeing 737 with a CFM engine which makes up a large part of the Southwest fleet. According to industry experts, this engine is a workhorse and this engine failure accounted for the first death from an in-flight accident on a U.S. airliner since 2009 Southwest CEO Kelly said he was not aware of any issues with the jet and engine involved in the accident. He

Interline and NYALO present at KAAMCO meeting

BY JEFF YAPALATER

Two excellent presentations kicked off the April Kaamco meeting; one from Jim Groark, Station Manager Cathay Pacific, on the Interline contract, and the other by Ariela Ruiz of NYALO.

President Blainey also announced the Kaamco Golf Outing for Thursday June 28 at the Pianoforte Country Club.

The Interline baggage contract is in its second year, and according to Groark and other users, it is a successful contract for the airlines in handling inter-flight baggage transfer. Groark said this is an excellent service, cost effective and extremely reliable with over a 99% success rate in moving the bags within the 20 minute window of opportunity. He expressed great confidence is the ability to have a control of the location of bags throughout the flight travel and this can be seen from the software used for this application.

It is the plan for the Interline project to be able to satisfy the needs of all the carriers at the airport and not bring down the cost by having each additional carriers sign on. Benefits include excellent tracking of bags, quick transfer, dedicated service, setting technology automation, new vehicles with a 65 person staff to handle the operation.

Guest Ariela Ruiz, project manager for the New York Airline Liaison office, explained the mission of the 13 year old company which is to be an intermediary between the airlines at the metro New York airports and the Port Authority. She said that NYALO wants to support Kaamco by bringing together the airline organization and the Port Authority to review and resolve many matters which represent the 100 plus airlines at JFK. NYALO wants to further facilitate coordination of all subgroups at other airport organizations and Port Authority in a technical and financial consulting and representative manner. NYALO currently provides a six month financial report with Port Authority airline fees and charges, Ruiz acknowledged that governance at airports and the $10 billion airport master plan initiated by the Port Authority are currently in limbo but will continue with my Port Authority airline fees and charges.

JFKIAT Gert-Jan de Graaff shares parting thoughts

BY JEFF YAPALATER

“I had a fantastic time but it is with mixed emotions that I leave JFK. There are a lot of challenges and development which is great. That will unfortunately happen without me which is to be an opportunity. I am off to a fantastic new challenge at the Brisbane Airport Corporation and will miss the people, collaboration and community. This is a great group”, as Gert-Jan de Graaff summarized his years at JFK Airport as CEO and President of JFKIAT. He added “I am confident my successor Roel Huinink will see the value of continuing relationships with the JFK community. That’s how it is supposed to work. Collaboration is key.”

And collaboration is a word used extensively by de Graaff as he explains his success at T4 because of the cooperation from his staff, Port Authority and business partners. The result is success, “that’s the way it works to stimulate collaboration” he said in many of his public comments. He also maintains that growth and success depend on the support of organizations. They need to work with the experienced individuals and to bring in fresh blood with new ideas to keep growth and create cohesion.

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Last year the Governor of New York began an ambitious plan to rebuild NY airports. de Graaff thinks this is wonderful. “I think it is a great ambition to grow and improve in all ways. It is exciting to be part of the plan and IAT will be part and big supporter of the next big step from the Governor and Port vision by working together”. “NYC is basically the capital of the world and deserves great airports. It needs world class airports. As a result there will be an economic benefit with the new opportunity to invest, improve and to provide passengers with better service”, he commented.

However he added that it is important to remember that airlines do not have unlimited funds yet have to participate in investments which make sense. But he says that JFKIAT has and will continue to invest in facility expansion.

G’DAY, MATE: Gert-Jan de Graaff, has accepted a new position in Brisbane Airport in Australia.

Photo by Jeff Yapalater

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ON IT: Federal inspectors visually inspect the CFM engine from Southwest Airlines flight 1380 for any apparent reasons for the engine failure leading to one death on this flight.

NTSB
The Blue Angels fly back to Jones Beach

The Blue Angels jet team is back. They will perform at the 15th Annual Bethpage Air Show at Jones Beach Memorial Day Weekend.

Bethpage Federal Credit Union and the New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation announce details for the 15th Annual Bethpage Air Show at Jones Beach. Taking place Memorial Day Weekend, Saturday, May 26, 2017, and Sunday, May 27, 2017, the show will begin at 10 AM and conclude at 3 PM.

Two legendary jet teams will perform; the United States Navy Blue Angels, returning for their 72th anniversary season and The Royal Canadian Air as well as the Force Snowbirds, who last performed at the show in 2016. “This year we have a remarkable lineup of world-class performers, and are very pleased to welcome back the United States Navy Blue Angels to Long Island,” said George Gorman, Deputy Regional Director, NYS Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation.

In addition the F-22 Raptor, the United States Air Force’s newest fighter aircraft which cannot be matched by any known or projected fighter aircraft, will perform for crowds with its own remarkable demonstration, as well, alongside the United States Airforce Heritage Flight Team for a special aerial performance.

Other exciting performers at this year’s Bethpage Air Show include the United States Army Golden Knights Parachute Team, performing in their 13th Bethpage Air Show; legendary air show pilot Sean Tucker performing in his custom-built Oracle Challenger II biplane; extraordinary aerobatic pilot Matt Chapman; the John Klatt Airshows – Jack Links’ Screamin’ Sasquatch Jet Waco Aerobatic Team; the world famous GEICO Skytypers and their flight squadron of six vintage WWII aircraft; the American Airpower Museum Warbirds; Long Island’s own David Windmiller; the Yankee Lady B17, our hometown, 106th Air Rescue Wing will show their support by performing a HC-130 and HH-60 fly-by demonstration; and new for their 3rd air show performance, the SUNY Farmingdale State College Flying Rams who will fly seven of their 22 college-owned aircraft in a fly-by-piloted by their top academic professional pilot performers.

The Bethpage Air Show is free to the public, but the standard $10.00 vehicle use fee will be collected each day upon entry to the State Park.

For the 2018 NYS Empire Passport holders, there is no vehicle use fee.

For up-to-date information about this year’s show, please visit www.bethpageairshow.com or https://www.facebook.com.

JETS BLUE: A pair of Navy F15 Blue Angels taxi on the runway to rehearse for the Bethpage Air Show at Jones beach. Photo by Jeff Yapalater

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**IT’S IN THE BAG**

**Common Use Baggage Office opens at T1**

BY JEFF YAPALATER

January’s Cyclone Grayson shook the operations up at JFK Airport. The Port Authority was unhappy with the weather impact on the airport and had quickly instituted interim measures to correct customer dissatisfaction. A main area of concern was the number of travelers baggage that was either misplaced, or unavailable for customer collection during and soon after the storm.

As a result, Terminal One at JFK Airport has responded to the calls for improved baggage handling by the Port Authority. In conjunction with Pacific Atlantic Handling (PAH), a common use baggage services office has been established and is now open at the arrivals area of T1. This office has instituted a technologically advanced tracking and finding solution that can more quickly unite passengers with their checked bags.

According to Ti Executive Director, Steve Rowland, “Our creation of this baggage service is to provide a better repatriation of lost or misplaced bags with the customer in a timely fashion. We have over 20 airlines in our terminal and it is our hope to work with all to create a better customer experience. This common use baggage service is prompt response to the Port Authority’s directive for improved customer satisfaction”.

According to Neil Lott, Executive Director of PAH, “This is a one-stop web based solution. The big advance of PAH is our system which uses a world tracer software to find lost bags and reunite them with their owners. Our tracking service ties in with all the airlines who use our system. It tracks the entire process of the bags, allows faster locating of the bag, processes and tags bags, and provides a central location for pick up by airline delivery services for forwarding delivery of the bag to its owner.

This is an example of the improved customer service approach that the Port Authority has initiated as part of the grand Vision Plan set forth by Governor Cuomo as NY airports rebuild, grow and offer world class service to travelers.

**Luncheon energizes Chamber of Commerce**

**AIRPORT VOICE**

The JFK Chamber of Commerce monthly meeting was uplifted by the success of the March luncheon featuring Henry Kuykendall. Plans were made to hold another luncheon on June 12, and feature Ed Beklor, CEO of LaGuardia Gateway Partners, the management of Central Terminal B at LaGuardia Airport.

The second annual 911 Memorial plans are under way, and efforts continue to provide funding the permanent 911 Memorial that will be constructed on the grounds of Building 141 where the Chamber of Commerce will have an office as well as a large reception area to use for community functions, exhibits, and events. Speakers said the increased costs on marginally thin profits and lack of support by airport business partners would bring economic uncertainty. Mike Moran, General Manager of JFK, suggested that representatives of companies who had differences of opinion attend a Port Board meeting and bring up for discussion.

There is a 60 day comment period which will end on May 23. The next Port Meeting is April 26. Moran also informed the group that the Emergency Operations Center, which he called “a great community asset,” will close at Building 14 and move to expanded headquarters at Building 111.

Al DePhillips said submissions for the Yolan DePhillips Scholarship will be accepted until June fourth. The $1000 scholarship is open to children of airport employees applying to college. The scholarship will be awarded at the Chamber luncheon on June 12.
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ONE OF THE OUTDOOR EVENTS WAS THE JFK ROTARY RUNWAY RUN THAT USTRED IN SPRING ALTHOUGH IT WAS CHILLY 47 DEGREES. THIS ENERGY PACKED ANNUAL EVENT AT JFK WAS SPONSORED BY THE JFK CHAPLAIN'S AND FELLOWSHIP.

THE BISHOP WRIGHT LUNcheon HONORING JFKIAT'S STACEY LORA AND WILLIAM MCCUREL OF GLOBAL SECURITY WAS A PACKED SUCCESS AND AVIATION HIGH SCHOOL JR. QUINTELLA WAS AWARDED THE SUSAN BAER MAJOR SCHOLARSHIP.

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ARRIVALS

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One management offered best wishes saying, “We look forward to further overall JFK improvements under Charles’s leadership.”

Michael Moran has taken a new position as General Manager, Aviation Planning and Environmental Services for the Port Authority. As previous General Manager of JFK Airport Ajay Dhawan, friend, KLM Station Manager, and President of TFAC, had this to say on behalf of TFAC and Kaamco, “Michael Moran (or Mike as he is known to his airline colleagues) provided stellar leadership for the Port Authority’ JFK airport for nearly 4 years. As two times former President of KAAMCO and current President of TFAC (Terminal Four Airlines Consortium) I can speak for the 90+ airlines operating at JFK when I say that Mike has committed himself to serving the needs of JFK’s passengers, Cargo & Mail and he was always willing to actively contributed value to all of JFK’s organizations that he participated, whether it be KAAMCO, JFK Chamber of Commerce, Queens Chamber of Commerce, JFK Catholic Guild, the JFK Jewish Synagogue Chapel and so on. It is very easy to say that Mike was a real partner and will be extremely missed by the JFK airline community. Aside from his contributions to the many JFK airport organizations, Mike provides excellent leadership to his Port Authority operational, maintenance and business staff. We wish him well and the very best with his new responsibilities in the Aviation Department’s headquarters.”

Terminal One Executive director of Operations Steve Rowland said “We will truly miss Mike’s leadership, his partnership management approach, and his community participation both inside and outside of JFK.”

Gert-Jan de Graaff has taken the role of CEO at Brisbane Airport Corporation (BAC) in Australia where he had held a previous position. As CEO and President of JFKIAT Terminal for the past four years he had developed strong relationships. Frank DiMola, Executive Director of TFAC had kind words to say “4 Years ago, this month, Gert-Jan de Graaff assumed the role as President of JFKIAT and I have had the absolute pleasure to work closely with him not only as the Station Manager but also as a key partner in the growth and development of the JFKIAT organization.”

Ger-t-Jan said, “Mike has been an exceptional partner and business leader who has provided outstanding service to our airline companies and airport tenants. He has been an active participant in the growth of JFKIAT through his vision for our Terminal 4 and his partnership with airlines and airport tenants.”

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COMINGS AND GOINGS: (Top left) Roel Huinink is the new CEO and President of JFKIAT, Terminal 4 as of August 1, 2018. (Center) Steve Brocchini is the new Acting Operations Manager at JFK Airport. (Above) Mike Moran, GM JFK Airport, wishes April Gasparri, Manager Operations, well with a community farewell cake in her new position at a Midwest Airport.

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(Clockwise from top, left): JFK 5K Runway Race women winners line up including, from left, first-place winner Marisa Keiser, JFK Rotary President Sonia Saleh, and third-place fin-
isher Verity Rees, and second-place winner Katie Harshner; Dr. Reed and friend Ryan offer medical services while assisting registration at the JFK 5K Runway Race; Wei, Zhou and
YanYan show spirited warm-up before the JFK 5K Runway Race; A long line of JFK 5K Runway Race competitors stretch along the runway in view of the Manhattan skyline behind.
Aniceto travelled all the way from Port au Prince Haiti to run in the JFK 5K Runway Run. You may say he is a long distance runner.

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(Clockwise from top, left) Nearly 1,700 runners who signed up for the JFK 5K Runway Race getting ready at the starting line; Several members of Black Girls Run! strike a pose before; Patricia and James are here to support their son-in-law who is a JetBlue pilot; Wendy Phaff, Director of Development of the Queens Centers for Progress, with her Achilles Athletes; Kotaro and Taisei prepare the race; JFK’s Inspector of the Port Authority Police Department brings his own style of order to the race.
INTRODUCING AIRPORT VOICE'S ‘AERODROME’

BY JEFF YAPALATER

Like the landing, gathering areas and aircraft hangars that also serve as a gathering place for festivities our Aerodrome page will be a landing spot of the images of the various slices of aviation life.

You will find images of people contributing to their companies, sharing in social responsibilities, participating in volunteer activities, celebrations, government functions, photos of interesting and historical aircraft, recreational pastimes, and social life that occur regularly in our area airports and aviation related events.

Our Aerodrome page will resonate with the visual voices of all those who are part of our community and take pride in the activities that are part of their daily lives. We hope you enjoy...
Ark horse rules
The Ark at JFK is now responsible for coordinating the transportation of equine arrival and quarantine at JFK Airport. Shippers have the option of using the Ark quarantine facilities at JFK or shipping their stock to Stewart Airport for processing. There was a recent meeting with Port and horse ground handlers to introduce the security intricacies and permits that are required as part of ramp access.

IATA CEIV-Live cert
International Air Transport Association (IATA) has launched a new certification program called CEIV-Live Animals, that provides an industry standard for the safe handling of animals being transported in the cargo hold of aircraft. The launch is an expansion of IATA’s Center of Excellence for Independent Validators (CEIV) program that ensures compliance to handling standards across the entire supply chain. This is in addition to the CEIV-Pharma certification through IATA.

TSA cargo rules
The U.S. House and Senate have bills that give more power to the TSA for better cargo security. H.R. 4176 and S1812 are the bills being deliberated.

FedEx training
FedEx announced a new training program, called Purple Runway, which will recruit pilots in training from universities and aviation colleges. The move was made to ensure the carrier’s continuing leading status in a market in which qualified pilots are increasingly scarce. The program will be initiated in conjunction with two of FedEx’s big U.S.-based feeder operators, Empire Airlines and Mountain Air Cargo.

Cargolux profits
Cargolux Airlines saw 2017 full year net profit after taxes reach $122.3m, compared with a prior year $5.5m for the European freighter aircraft operator. Cargolux president and chief executive Richard Forson said: “The outstanding results for 2017 are a reflection of Cargolux’ employees' dedication, passion and commitment to make this year a successful one on all fronts.

Russian flyover
Russia agreed to an extension for overflight rights until 28th. Despite other tensions, this extension affects four routes over Russia from the US. The impacted freighter company include Atlas Air, National, and Kalitta. Seems tight for this extension was granted just before an expiration and coincided with President Trump's decision not to enforce additional sanctions.

Lufthansa drones
Lufthansa Technik tests out use of drones for safety checks. Given the recent focus on the need for better safety inspections this is a timely enhancement.

Qantas signs dnata
Qantas has announced it has signed an agreement for the sale of its catering businesses to dnata, an aviation services company that is part of the Emirates Group. dnata has grown through acquisitions and contracts at JFK Airport over the past two years.

Rolfe to KLM
Congratulations to Mike Rolfe Regional Cargo Operations Manager, Air France KLM Cargo.

CEIV-Live cer
Mark Whitehead condolences. Industry sad with news of death of former Hactl CEO, Mark Whitehead. Whitehead, the recently retired CEO of Hong Kong Air Cargo Terminals Ltd. (Hactl), passed away in his sleep while he was competing in an ocean yacht race, which was one of his lifelong passions.
Air India on block

Air India is on the block. The Indian government announced that it plans to sell 76% of Air India to possible suitors IndiGo and Vistara, Spicejet and Jet Airways. But with the heavy debt burden and issues with potential foreign ownership, and forced IPO caveat some of the suitors are balking.

Potential buyers would have a controlling stake in the flagship carrier (as well as two-thirds of its $7.8 billion debt) and the complete sale of its international carrier, while 50% of the ground handling unit will be sold separately.

Etihad cuts flights

Etihad airways Peter Baumgartner, chief executive officer of Etihad Airways, said that although the company is solid, they are cutting service to Edinburgh, Scotland and Perth, Australia as part of what Baumgartner describes as a marketing necessity given the “agile environment” airlines operate in today. This follows the shedding of Alitalia investment as Etihad finds ways to profitability.

LOT hires WFS

Worldwide Flight Services (WFS) is seeing strong demand for its passenger services in the U.S. Starting in April, it will serve passengers travelling on LOT Polish Airlines’ new weekly Warsaw-New York JFK-Warsaw flights as well as those flying onboard Allegiant Air’s new six flights a week from Sarasota.

JetBluers go union

JetBlue Airways flight attendants have voted for union representation by the Transport Workers Union of America (TWU).

The vote was “overwhelming” according to the union as a clear majority of those who voted out of the 5,000 eligible crew members approved representation. JetBlue cabin crew were one of the few remaining flight attendant groups not unionized.

Going to the dogs

New Arizona legislation makes it illegal to fraudulently represent any animal as a service animal to someone who operates a public space or business. Will airlines challenge those who travel with pets?

Dream on Singapore

Singapore Airlines receives the first 787-900 Dreamliner aircraft designed for more luxurious first class cabins and capacity of 337 passengers.

JFK cuts carbon

JFK Airport received Airbus’ Carbon Accreditation from the Airports Council International for efforts to reduce carbon emissions. It was a good way to celebrate Earth day 2018.

Airbus Neo pop-up

The new Airbus A321 LR did a pop-up promo at JFK for the purpose of showing the new energy efficient, soothing interiors and new technology of its aircraft to potential buyers in NY after doing a fly-over NY and spending the night at JFK Airport.

Virgin goes Alaska

Virgin America branding disappears in a quick change-over to Alaska Air. As of last week all references to Virgin were gone. So is Richard Branson’s stake in the one beloved airline bringing innovation in style and comfort to the airline industry before being absorbed by Alaska Airlines.

Hello Eurowings

Eurowings is the lower cost airline jumping into the Trans-Atlantic route and part of the Lufthansa family. Starting April 28, 2018, it will commence 6 weekly JFK-Dusseldorf flights offering a total of 3 non-stop destinations in Germany with daily JFK-Frankfurt and daily JFK-Munich, JFK T7.

WOW, JFK now

WOW Airlines is another low-cost airline that has made its debut at JFK Airport that is also competing for the low cost Trans-Atlantic route competing for the economy traveler.

New low $ LATAM

The low cost airline craze continues as it was reported that LATAM has filed an intent create a new low fare carrier with the Chilean civil air authority government.

Desirable Norwegian

IAG International Airlines Group bought a 4.61% stake in Norwegian Airline spreading rumors that the group intends to vie for a complete purchase of the airline. Norwegian denied the rumor saying it had “no intention” of selling.

AA goes american

American Airlines decided to order forty-seven B787 family aircraft from American manufacturer Boeing which includes twenty-two B787-8s. They are due to begin arriving in 2020, and twenty-five B787-9s, arriving in 2023, dampening the hopes of Airbus to fill part of that order with A350s.

New Islamabad hub

The new Islamabad Quaid-e-Azam International airport in the Pakistani capital is set to open on April 20 with PIA - Pakistan International Airlines operating the maiden service out of the new facility on the day of the opening. The Express Tribune has reported.
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Many of us have grown up with a fascination of airplanes and watching them fly overhead.
In fact this fascination had many take us into aviation. For those that did not, you can experience the excitement of airplanes and travel with an app called “PlaneFinder-Live” Flight Radar Tracker by Pinkfroot. This $4.99 app for Android and Apple is a live flight tracker showing radar movement of private and commercial planes on a worldwide map. With this app you can see a map of many or just one airplane in any area, search for a flight, see flight paths, show airports and follow planes along their journey. The amazing level of detail in Plane Finder includes flight number, route information and facts and figures on the aircraft. This includes details of the current flight including departure airport, destination airport, altitude, speed, plane type, number of engines, airline, country, hexcode and more!
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The app photos are interesting and varied. These are sent to us by a wide range of people including professional aviation photographers, people using the app and plane spotters.

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ager for KLM, but also in my capacity as President of TFAC. In his short few 4 years at JFKIAT, Gert-Jan has taken a world class Schiphol terminal into a newer terminal. Gert-Jan has always endeavored to improve the terminal operations for its airline passengers that we all serve. On behalf of the TFAC airlines, we (I) will truly miss him and wish him well as he returns to Brisbane Airport”. According to de Graaff, innovation is what he loves to do as his new project down under will be to build an entirely new runway for Brisbane. Welcome Roel Huinink who will assume the role as CEO & President of JFKIAT as Terminal 4. As de Graaff moves to the Southern Hemisphere. According to de Graaff, he expects Huinink will fit in very well at JFK having had engineering, operational, retail and commercial services experience in a large airport as the former Managing Director of Arlanda Schiphol Development Company. As de Graaff has guided Terminal 4 into a retail success by meeting customer demands and needs, so it appears that Huinink will seek to continue on this direction as having said about his Schiphol tenure, “Over the past few years, we have lifted Stockholm Arlanda as a shopping destination to meet the changing passengers demands”. Welcome Roel Huinink to the JFK Airport community.
April Gasparri, recently the Operations manager at JFK Airport, has taken on a new position at large Midwest airport as Senior VP. As an Air Force Major Gasparri is well suited for aviation career serving at LaGuardia and JFK in different capacities. Kaamco friends, in accord, complimented her by saying “April is that very unique individual that once in a while comes our way and our fortunate opportunity to know and work with. Our JFK airlines have come to trust in April’s judgement and expertise with managing the aeronautical operations at JFK. She was very instrumental with me organizing the long awaited NTSB workshop at JFK which was well attended by more than 45 airlines, PA Operations colleagues, NYC City OEM, PA OEM, all government agencies at JFK. On behalf of KAAMCO, we wish April the very best of success with her new responsibilities at Pittsburgh Airport. On behalf of KAAMCO, we wish April the very best of success with her new responsibilities at Pittsburgh Airport.” From management at JFK Terminal One, “April was a true asset to the overall operation of JFK and we wish her the best of luck in Pittsburgh”. Teresa Rizzuto, Manager Aeronautical Services expressed good wishes on behalf of the Airport Operations team, “During her short years at JFK April was totally immersed in the operation, knew everyone in the airport community and understood every nuance of the airport.
Christ for the World Chapel held the 39th Bishop Wright Aviation Industry Awards Luncheon honoring Stacey Lora, V.P., Security, JFKIAT, Woman of the Year; William McGuire, President & CEO Global Elite Group, Man of the Year, and Rev. Patrick O’Connor, Lead Pastor, First Presbyterian Church in Jamaica, Clergy of the Year.

Bill Huisman, Chair of the Christ for the World Chapel, moderated the event welcoming the 350 attendees to one of the most important JFK Airport Spring events which annually honors the men and women working in the aviation community and contributing to the fabric of diverse aviation life. The luncheon draws guests from the aviation world including airlines, cargo and freight companies, local governance and friends. The luncheon also serves as the venue for awarding a deserving student of the Susan M.Baer Scholarship which was awarded this year to Roy Quintana, senior at Aviation High School.

Members of the Travelers Aid, JFK Rotary, and the Chapels’s staff and friends worked throughout the year preparing, assembling the beautiful raffle baskets and bringing this event to fruition. Many community members of the JFK Chamber of Commerce donated gifts for the attendees and The Aviation High School Honor Guard traditionally opened the luncheon with an impressive display of military precision and band performance.

All the awardees expressed sincere gratitude, humility and appreciation for their peers in having been chosen for their recognition with extra love expressed for the support and love of their families.

One of the other traditional aspects of the luncheon is the terrific line of raffle prizes which included pairs of donated tickets from Cathay, Jet Blue, KLM, Aer Lingus, TAP, Caribbean, and Emirates airlines. It is a great way to end the event and to bring joy to the winners and supporters of the Chapel’s community spirit.
She announced her new position and mentioned the rollback of service at the airport. She shared information about the reason for the rollback and thanked the TSA for involving the mentally challenged at the check points; congratulated April Gasparri for her new position in Pittsburgh and wished her the best; reiterated the information of the revised April 16 equine transport protocol in which the Ark is coordinating all horse transportation through the airport guard posts and he mentioned the formal closure of EOC from building 14 to Building 111.

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Governor Cuomo. Last year are big issues and NYALO wants to assist in the information exchange and collaboration among all airlines and Port Authority.

As meeting Chair, Moran mentioned several items throughout the meeting; he congratulated American Airlines for their honor flight and said this is always a great event; he thanked Kaamco and partners for holding the NTSB safety Family Workshop; expressed gratitude for the Police is responding quickly to the needs of the airport community in two different events; announced upcoming the JFK Rotary Runway Run Race; thanked the TSA for intervening to assist the mentally challenged at the check points; congratulated April Gasparri for her new position in Pittsburgh and wished her the best; reiterated the information of the revised April 16 equine transport protocol in which the Ark is coordinating all horse transportation through the airport guard posts and he mentioned the formal closure of EOC from building 14 to Building 111.

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Explorers developed

Aviation council partners with Newark Museum

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Aviation Development Council (ADC), a bridge organization between our region’s aviation industry and the communities it serves, is proud to announce its partnership with the Port Authority of NY & NJ, and The Newark Museum in the museum’s ongoing ‘Explorer’s Program’, that offers Newark high-school students an intensive internship, mentoring, college preparation, leadership training and career-building program. This is a year-round learning experience that features paid internships, small group training, science & art workshops, and access to museum professionals. The ‘Explorers Program’ also offers college preparation and guidance in career planning. Since the program inception in 1984, over 250 Newark high school students have graduated from the program to pursue their educational goals at some of the leading universities in the country.

ADC’s sponsorship of this Newark Museum training & Internship program was the result of some dialogue between ADC’s board member airlines and the Community Affairs office of the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey. ADC’s board members include representatives from JetBlue Airways, Delta Air Lines, United Airlines, and Air Canada.

“Aviation Development Council has formulated a community outreach program which is focused on youth education, youth leadership development, and youth wellness. Newark Museums’ ‘Explorers Program’ became a natural choice for our local outreach efforts,” states Bill Huisman, the Executive Director of the Aviation Development Council.

“We are demonstrating the region’s aviation industry concern for the youth of the communities it serves, through our community outreach program and appreciate the support we receive from the Port Authority and our airline board members.”

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**MacArthur seeks to be go-to airport hub**

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The new, multi-faceted cooperative marketing initiative, “Short Flight. Long Island.” slogan is designed to build awareness of Long Island as a destination, and increase demand for MacArthur Airport as a go-to hub. The details of the campaign were made available by Angie Carpenter, Islip Town Supervisor; Steve Bellone, Suffolk County Executive, Shelley LaRose-Arken, Airport Commissioner; and Kristen Jarnagin, President-CEO of Discover Long Island, elected officials, business leaders, and local tourism stakeholders. The Baltimore-Washington D.C. market will serve as the initial target region for the campaign based on research, population, and frequency of service.

“This new marketing campaign is critically important to both promoting MacArthur Airport across the country as well as increasing awareness of Long Island to travelers in order to boost tourism for our region. I thank Supervisor Carpenter and Discover Long Island for working with Suffolk County to build on our efforts to lure more out-of-state visitors to Long Island, and take advantage of our world-class tourist destinations,” said Suffolk County Executive Steve Bellone.

“Our main objective through this strategic partnership with Discover Long Island is to raise awareness of Long Island as a destination and increase use of MacArthur Airport as an easy access point for travelers,” explained Airport Commissioner Shelley LaRose-Arken. “The Baltimore-Washington D.C. area is our initial target region due to the frequency of flights between the two major markets. MacArthur Airport is within easy reach to Long Island’s top tourist attractions including our beaches, the Hamptons and beautiful Fire Island. All it takes is a short flight to our convenient airport,” she added.

**TSA legislation sits in House, Senate**

BY JEFF YAPALATER

H.R.4176 amended Air Cargo Security Improvement Act of 2018 passed the House and is now in the US Senate Commerce, Science and Transportation committee.

The Senate has the TSA Modernization Act S1872 which has similar but more detailed areas of change including third party use of canines and in cargo security.

Overall, the House bill authorizes the TSA to create a new air cargo security division, work with the GAO to review the processes, and work with the Air cargo Subcommittee of the Aviation Security Advisory Committee to review assessment of the know shipper program. The bill now resides in the Senate committee awaiting review. H.R. 4176 is also a response to air cargo security recommendations included in a 2017 Committee on Homeland Security staff report on DHS’ progress in meeting mandates in the Implementing Recommendations of the 9/11 Commission Act of 2007 (P.L. 110-53) ten years later, according to the Committee.

This legislation, originally sponsored by Rep. Thompson, required screening of all cargo loaded onto passenger planes. The S1872 Modernization Act has much more detailed with more third-party companies working with the TSA in testing and screening, and with third party canines. Currently there are no third party canine companies working independently at the airports but rather in a partnership of sorts with the TSA.

There are several main areas of change including Aviation security, public security, passenger and cargo security, foreign airport security, cockpit and cabin security.

Each of these main areas has a subset of specific sections related to: innovation task force, biometrics, automated lanes, exit lane security, real time security checkpoint, advanced imaging, public area best practices, law enforcement reimbursements, trusted traveler programs, passenger security fee, TSA Academy review, know shipper program, screening partnership, foreign airport security, international security standards, federal air marshals, security training, flight safety and carriage of armament.

Both the House and Senate have these bills. If the House bill is approved as submitted it can go straight to the President for signing, however, it there are any Senate changes then it has to go back to the House for review.

The same goes for the Senate Bill.

There can be a back and forth until both branches agree on the provisions. But these bills must pass the Congress before the 115th Congress ends at the end of the year or it has to begin its cycle all over again.

At this time there is no timeframe for this House bill to be brought up to the Aviation Subcommittee according to one staffer of the over arching Commerce committee. Nor has there been any significant Senate movement on S1872 since it took five months for the bill to be approved by the House. There are really only 5 months left before the end of the 115th session.
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His successor Roel Huinink will have the opportunity to partner in building for this future. Said de Graaff, “I know him very well. He has extensive experience in many different areas of management, engineering, retail and commercial development. He knows the full scope of terminal management and will bring solutions that have been successful at other airports”. Huinink begins his term August 1.

Regarding the recent move towards more Port governance, de Graaff believes that the terminals are well developed and well managed. There is limited influence from the Port but as a public-private partnership, we work with them. He believes that a lot of JFK criticism comes from the frustrations of just getting to the airport with the traffic playing a big part.

“The airport itself has good roadways, signage and nicely landscaped. Again he points out that corroboration is the key to finding public solutions with government and business partners.

Asked whether the proposed Port Authority wage increases will impact JFKIAT; he did not think so. “I believe in using third party contractors since they are the experts in what they do. They have the particular skills and technology we don’t have. Our philosophy is the find the vest in class performance for our behalf,” he said. So, the wage issue will not directly affect how JFKIAT does business.

Discussing his new position as CEO of the private Brisbane Authority, he said this will differ because he will oversee the entire private airport, not a private terminal in a public airport such as JFK. One of his welcome challenges at Brisbane will be to build a new runway “This will be the world’s first privately funded runway that is planned for 2020 completion” he proudly remarks. Having worked there before, he is acquainted with the operation and he actually worked on the initial idea of building the new runway a decade ago.

Mr.de Graaff believes that another important part of a successful group is to show appreciation for staff and business partners. He points to the annual Employee Day celebration and the Holiday party.

He is personally very involved in both. In fact, this CEO has taken many a cream pie in face as part of the employee day festivities. He is also proud of the January holiday party.

When asked why this party is done in the middle of January he smiles and said it part of a Dutch tradition. After all the December parties and holidays are over, it is a good time to informally get together and start a new year. He makes a point of thanking SSP food service for doing a great job at these events.

And a great job Gert-Jan de Graaff did while at JFK.

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failure according to NTSB’s preliminary report. According to one airline mechanic, there can be a manufacturer defect or every so tiny fissure which is not evident during normal inspections. Airlines have scheduled inspections that increase in detail as the flying hours accumulate. Inspections vary from straight visuals, borescopes, fluorescent dyes, ultrasound and x-rays are all tools used to look for problems either as indicted or according to service timetables.

FAA has determined that the recent CFM engine issue is not a systemic problem. The FAA had recommended more intensive inspections following a 2016 engine issue. Previously proposed mandatory inspections to implement x-ray type/ultrasonic views of fan blades and engine components, were not enacted that would have move the mandate beyond the proposal stage. A service bulletin first year issued a recommendation to perform such inspections but was not mandated. Now however, airlines are inspecting more than just CFM engines for signs of metal fatigue.

According to industry reports, the CFM56 is the best selling jet engine in the world and used by Airbus on its A320, A321 and on aircraft on many American carriers as well as the military “Doomsday Plane” used as a back up for the President.

As a result of the recent engine failure, the engine manufacturer joint venture between General Electric and French Safran, many airline operators are increasing inspections coinciding with European regulators ordered checks on some 737s. Southwest said it is speeding up inspection on all related engines in its fleet within 30 days. Their entire fleet is made up Boeing 737 aircraft. According to an instructor at the AHS, taking each fan blade off and performing an ultrasonic inspection on each blade is extremely time consuming but will likely be done for the safety of the flying public.

“The website Aviation DB lists all commercial aircraft repairs to any part of the aircraft. There is no mention nor listing of any engine issue related to this Southwest aircraft. The last service date was recently in December 2017 on this specific CFM series turbine air generator engine.

As one knowledgeable industry man said, “These are all well manufactured and maintained equipment. Something like a grain of sand could present a problem.”

So, the public waits for a final determination and report from the NTSB which will help prevent future accidents and give the maintenance and repair people greater guidance for inspections.

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Vaughn College holds several student and job seeker Career days throughout the year. Whether it be a Vaughn based student event or partnership event with a local employment organizations which draws from the local community, all job seekers have a chance to meet with recruiters from a range of aviation companies.

Phil Meade and Jessica Caron of the Vaughn Career services department coordinate these events with job seekers and invite companies to meet with them. Recruiters at these events have tables, and representatives from recruiting companies who meet with interested job seekers, giving out literature on their company and vying to draw the best candidates from among the attendees to their company. Recently the Council of Airport Opportunity partnered with Vaughn College, Port Authority, and others to offer a wide range of jobs. The job offerings noted the increase of minimum hourly wages as provided by NY State as well as prospective airport increases currently proposed by the Port Authority.

Companies such as Delta, WFS, Thales, AVPorts, Endeavor, Summit Security, Vantage, Allegiant, Port Authority SSP and dozens more had their staff on hand to share the benefits of working with their companies.

There are pathways for some graduates from Vaughn, Farmingdale and the Aviation High School into top airlines such as Delta, AA and JetBlue at local airports. But there are any other opportunities for students from these institutions that are found at these career fairs.
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positive activities took pace at the meeting including a presentation by the FAA, and announcement from Nick from the Port and its support of the NYCAR. Both received well by most attendees and gave further evidence of the Port’s commitment to support of the Roundtable.

A large part of the meeting was a discussion about NEXGEN which is the “FAA-led modernization of our nation’s air transportation system. Its goal is to increase the safety, efficiency, capacity, predictability, and resiliency of American aviation. This overhaul brings together innovative technologies, capabilities, and procedures that improve how we fly from departure to arrival.

Representing the FAA and Port Authority were Jennifer Solomon, FAA Regions and Property Operations and Robert Novia, FAA Manager Airspace Re-design, of the FAA and Ralph Tamburro Delay Reduction Manager at the Port Authority. They covered a lot of ground describing the functionality and scope NEXGEN which included discussions of the proposed implementations which included new LaGuardia and JFK flight routes, runway issues and technology. Some committee members felt that the remarks and decisions made regarding some NEXGEN choices were made without consulting the Committee. FAA Solomon spoke passionately about the need for community communication and collaboration throughout all the stages of implementation of NEXGEN changes and assured the group that their voice will be heard before any changes.

She said that because of the incredible congestion and air traffic in the Northeast area where three major airports are located it is imperative to find solutions particularly for predictability and safety reasons. NEXGEN is deploying slowly and the FAA has sought and continues to seek recommendations from all stakeholders. Tamburro said that this is a collaborative effort and Port Authority wants to address the concerns of the community.

Nick of the Port Authority report there was a stenographer now in attendance at the Committee meetings to assure that the details of the meeting would be precise. He noted the Port web team is adding NYCAR information to the Port website regularly but it usually takes a couple of weeks to get updated.

Despite the announced delays, the group was happy to see progress with a stenographer and posted notes and presentations to be included on the website. To see the NYCAR information on the Port Authority website, got to this address for a full listing of meetings, presentations, and archives of the NYCAR, aka Roundtable. http://www.panynj.gov/nycar/noise-community-roundtables.html

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