



# Vanguard Eagle

San Diego Chapter  **TWA**  **U.S AIR**

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**Remember the Sacrifice of our Service Personnel on Memorial Day**



## **---The April 4th Vanguard Meeting---**

The guest speaker scheduled for the April 4th Vanguard meeting, Paul Greenwood, Elder Abuse attorney, was unable to attend because his mother in the UK has been in bad health and he wanted to see her as he was worried about her. So we had our routine meeting and had some news about the national Vanguard meeting which is tentatively scheduled for Oct 9-10-11 in Reno Nevada at the Atlantis Hotel. When more exact information is available, we will provide it to you.

Our president Irene Garrett also mentioned that the date for our 2017 Christmas party would be Dec 5, and that we have not yet applied to rent the space at the Holiday Inn. We will see if that date is still available. In case it is already booked then we would use the following Tuesday, Dec 12, 2017.

We had 20 members in attendance at the meeting, including Fred and Julita Chabot. Fred was recently in the hospital after suffering a heart attack. On arriving there he suffered 3 more heart attacks. His doctor told him that he needed to put in 4 stints. (Fred had already had 2 installed earlier) So that is what was done for Fred, and he then had his circulation system tested. The doctor then scheduled two additional stints which were put in a few days later. After another circulation test the doctor told Fred he wanted to put in two additional stints, however he rescheduled that for a future operation and allowed Fred to go home. Julita has gotten a lot of nursing experience caring for Fred and might pass the Practical Nursing exam if she were to take it now.

Bill and Geri Sherlock were in attendance and invited any Vanguard to join their Easter Celebration in La Mesa at their home at 4851 Crestland Drive. An Easter buffet will be available for visitors. Geri ran the coffee service for us at the April meeting and our members had plenty of cake and cookies to go with their coffee.

## **---Guest Speaker for the May 2nd Vanguard Meeting---**

Irene Garrett notified me that the speaker for the May 2nd Vanguard meeting will be Toni Ficken, who is the ClearCaptions Representative for the federally funded Captioned Telephone Service. For all of us who have hearing problems, this should be an informative presentation and might be of great help to those of us who need it. Toni will be telling us how to qualify for the service and the features of the captioned telephone equipment.

### ---New Travel Planner on Retiree Site---

If you have not looked at the Retiree web site lately you will be surprised to find that the Travel Planner has been changed. I myself liked the previous format, and hate to learn new tricks. But I was able to find a trip for my wife on it, so I will just have to get used to the new format. The "my IDtravel" section for other airline travel is still the same so you don't have to relearn that format. The new display is cleaner looking, so it is visually appealing. I hope they won't change it too many times more before I make my Final Departure. Try navigating through it to see how you like it.

### ---National Vanguard Reunion---

As already mentioned on page one of this newsletter the tentative dates for the National Vanguard Reunion are Oct 9-10-11 at the Atlantis hotel in Reno, Nevada. The hotel has offered a daily room rental of \$ 137.58. I believe that is for joint use, not per person. We will verify that in future issues of the newsletter.



### ---May Beach Clean Up---

If you rarely get outside, this is an opportunity for you to get some fresh air, sunshine and Vitamin D for your immune system, as we generally have nice weather for our monthly outing. We cordially invite you to the May Beach clean-up. It will be the 3rd Tuesday of the month, **May 16th, at Ventura Cove**. A mystery chef will provide the entree. We meet at 10 a.m. You will need to bring with you gloves and a plastic bag or bucket for trash plus a plate and silverware and a beverage of your choice. Bring your favorite treat and join us for Lunch. See you there. We recommend getting a Pick-up Stick to avoid bending excessively while cleaning the beach. Before you go out there, please call Irene Garrett before you go to the beach, at 619 464-1250 in case we have a cancellation.

### ---Yearly Vanguard Donations Overdue---

The following members have not made their \$ 20.00 dollar Vanguard donations for 2017 as of this date. After the May issue you will no longer receive the newsletter if payment is not received. We hope to keep all of you as Vanguard members. The donation is used to pay our rent at the museum.

Bracken	Burnett	Carlin	Cape	Daniels	Davitt	Doremus
Degner	Ellison	Evans	Kaptain	Will Larsen	Mccarthy	Price
Rieder	Phifer	Vock	Vrecken	Weese		

### ---Volunteering for Vanguards Offices---

If you worked in an administrative position for American Airlines during your career, or if you have ever thought about doing that type of work, you may want to volunteer for an office at our Vanguards chapter in San Diego. The present officers have been in their positions several years now and would be more than happy to give you an opportunity to take their place. They would gladly help you along the way when, or if, you were to get stuck or had a problem or question. The offices of **President, First and Second Vice President, Treasurer and Secretary** are all open for your choosing. Think about serving your fellow retirees and volunteering for one of the available offices. We hope you will give it some consideration. It could be an enjoyable experience for you. Helping your fellow retirees, is one of the best opportunities to balance your life in your twilight years. Your own background and experiences might help another retiree with their problems or questions.

**---Vanguard Milestones---**

**Happy Birthday Vanguards**



May 3 – **Helen Hallack**  
May 6 – **Claudette Craig**  
May 7 – **Edith Kotler**  
May 9 – **Margaret Jahn**  
May 12 - **G. Randall Eastland**  
May 13 - **John Shappell**  
May 14 – **Peggy Ramsing,**  
**Bonnie Benitez**

May 15 – **Bob Crowder**  
May 17 – **Elsie Kling, Russel Downer**  
**Arlene Billings**  
May 24 – **Arman Apcarian**  
May 25 – **Paul Kusiak**  
May 31 – **Bob Vock**



**---VANGUARD ANNIVERSARIES---**

May 1 – **Bob and Laurie Crowder** (1982)  
May 6 - **George and Bonnie Benitez** (1984)  
May 30 – **Bob and Irene Garrett** (1958)

**---CDB Aviation Announces \$ 3.3 Billion Dollar Boeing Order---** 13 Mar 2017 Airwise  
China's CDB Aviation Lease Finance announced an order for **30 Boeing 737 MAX 8s** on Monday, in a deal worth \$3.3 billion dollars at list prices. Ireland based CDB Aviation, a subsidiary of China Development Bank, currently has a portfolio of over 200 aircraft. The announcement puts a name to the previously unidentified customer Boeing was showing for the order. "We are very pleased to expand our partnership with CDB Aviation," VP Northeast Asia Sales Rick Anderson said in a statement. Boeing was looking forward to addressing the "opportunities presented in a rapidly growing market for commercial airplanes," he added. Boeing said it has now taken more than 3,600 orders for the the 737 MAX from 83 customers worldwide.

**---Startup KAIR Airlines Orders 8 Airbus A320s---** 14 Mar 2017 Airwise  
South Korean low-cost start-up KAIR Airlines has placed an order with Airbus for **eight A320ceo aircraft**. The order, worth \$792 million dollars at list prices, will be used to launch services to Northeast Asian international destinations. "We see enormous potential for the development of a low cost model linking central South Korea with destinations in China, Taiwan and Japan," KAIR Airlines chairman Byung Ho Kang said. "Brand new A320 aircraft will be perfect for our business model and customers." Cheongju-based KAIR is expected to launch in 2018 and joins a growing list of low-cost carriers in South Korea.

**---BOC Aviation Orders 13 Boeing 737 Max 8s---** 21 Mar 2017 Airwise  
Singapore-based aircraft lessor BOC Aviation has ordered **13 Boeing 737 MAX 8 aircraft** in a deal worth \$1.43 billion dollars at current list prices. BOC chief executive Robert Martin said the aircraft were ordered due to their lower operating costs and fuel efficiency. BOC has unfilled orders **for 74 737 MAX 8 aircraft after today's announcement**.

**---Embraer Flies E195-E2 Three Months Early---** 29 Mar 2017 Airwise  
Embraer flew its new E195-E2 passenger jet for the first time on Wednesday, three months ahead of schedule. The E195-E2's first flight took place at Embraer's São José dos Campos base in Brazil. The flight lasted two hours and evaluated aircraft performance, and flight quality and systems, including autopilot and fly-by-wire, Embraer said. Embraer's commercial aviation chief executive John Slattery tweeted "Our #E195E2 has just completed its maiden flight. Another E2 milestone ahead of schedule. Well done, Embraer team."

The inaugural flight comes just three weeks after rollout, and ten months after first flight of its smaller sister, the E190-E2. Embraer will use two aircraft for E195-E2 certification. The E195-E2 is just over 5 metres (17 feet) longer than the E190-E2, and will seat 132 in single class layout or 120 in dual class configuration. The E195-E2's entry into service is scheduled for the first half of 2019 with Azul Brazilian Airlines who have ordered 30 of the type.

**---Latin America Fleet Size to Double - Airbus---** 30 Mar 2017 Airwise  
Latin America's commercial aircraft fleet will double in size over the next 20 years, and 2,570 new aircraft will be needed to satisfy traffic growth, according to Airbus. The Airbus Global Market Forecast predicts 2,030 single-aisle and 540 wide-body aircraft will be needed at a cost of \$350 billion. dollars The numbers are based on traffic growing at 4.5 percent per year, the world average, until 2035. Traffic is predicted to grow by 4.9 percent on Latin America's domestic and intra-regional routes, and 3.8 percent to destinations outside the region. The continuing rise in middle class spending will play an important part in the growth, with that section of the population growing to half a billion people by 2035. Airbus believes Brazil, the largest South American market, will need over 1,400 aircraft by 2035 to meet demand, as Brazilians double the number of trips they make.

### ---Airbus Flies A319neo For the First Time---

31 Mar 2017

Airwise

A third member of the Airbus A320neo family flew for the first time on Friday with the maiden flight of the A319neo. The A319neo's first flight took off from Airbus Hamburg and landed five hours later in Toulouse. Airbus said the flight assessed aircraft handling and checked main systems. The A319neo will be based in Toulouse to complete its flight testing. The A319neo extends the neo family to three aircraft sizes, with seating capacity ranging from 100 to 240.

### ---Boeing 787-10 Completes First Flight---

31 Mar 2017

Airwise

Boeing flew the largest member of its Dreamliner family for the first time on Friday as the 787-10 took to the skies from the company's North Charleston factory. Boeing said the crew tested flight controls, systems and handling qualities during its five hour flight. "From takeoff to landing, the airplane handled beautifully and just as expected," Boeing's chief 787 pilot Tim Berg said after the flight. The 787-10 is an 18 foot (5.5 metre) stretch of the 787-9 and will seat up to 330 passengers. It is powered by either the Rolls-Royce Trent 1000 or General Electric GENx engines and will be delivered in the first half of 2018. Boeing has taken orders for 149 787-10s including 30 from launch customer Singapore Airlines. Other major orders are from Etihad with 30, Air Lease Corporation with 25 orders, and Eva Air with 18.

### ---Iran Aseman Airlines Signs Boeing Jet Deal---

4 Apr 2017

Airwise

Iran Aseman Airlines has signed an agreement "expressing intent" to order 30 Boeing 737 MAX aircraft in a deal that would be worth over \$3 billion dollars at list prices. The Memorandum of Agreement, which includes purchase rights for an additional 30 737 MAXs, is subject to government approval. Boeing in a statement said it had been authorized by the US government to negotiate the agreement following a determination that Iran had met its obligations under the nuclear accord signed in 2015. "Boeing continues to follow the lead of the US government with regards to working with Iran's airlines, and any and all contracts with Iran's airlines are contingent upon US government approval," the statement said. If the order is approved, deliveries would start in 2022. Boeing has already signed an order with an Iranian carrier since the US lifted restrictions on sales there. **In December 2016 Iran Air ordered 80 Boeing aircraft including 50 737 MAX 8s and 30 777s.** Delivery of those planes will start next year. **Airbus has also done significant business in Iran recently with a December deal to sell 100 aircraft, worth up to \$18 billion dollars at list prices.** Iran Air received the first of that order, an A321, in January.

### ---Boeing Wins First Quarter Orders Race---

6 Apr 2017

Airwise

Boeing beat Airbus in the first quarter commercial aircraft orders race as the European manufacturer's net total slipped to just six planes. **Airbus took 26 orders** in the quarter to end March, 19 of which were for the soon to be discontinued A320ceo, and just one for its successor, the A320neo. Taking 20 cancellations and changes into consideration, Airbus was left with a net order increase of six aircraft.

In contrast, **Boeing took 190 commercial aircraft orders** in the period, with cancellations and conversions to other models bringing the net order total down to 162. The 737 received 165 orders from unidentified customers, with the 787 adding 11 and the 777 another nine.

**Boeing delivered 169 commercial aircraft** in the quarter, including 113 737s and 32 787s. **Airbus delivered 136 planes** including 26 of the heavily delayed A320neo, as Pratt & Whitney engine delivery problems continued to affect production.

Airbus continued its ramp up of A350 deliveries with 13 A350-900s going out to customers in the quarter.

### **---Norwegian Air To Add More US Routes---**

5 Apr 2017

Airwise

Norwegian Air will increase the pressure on legacy carriers with the introduction of two new routes from the US to London in September. The routes, from Denver and Seattle to London Gatwick, add to the seven routes Norwegian already operates to the UK capital. Denver-London will launch with a twice weekly service from September 16, increasing to three per week from November 2. The Seattle-London service will launch on September 17, with four flights per week. "London is an integral part of our ever-growing global route network," Norwegian's chief commercial officer Thomas Ramdahl said. "Norwegian now offers 48 transatlantic flights from 13 US cities and we are fully committed to offer Americans the most affordable non-stop fares to Europe." Prices for the new services start at **\$199 dollars one-way**, Norwegian said. The US Department of Transportation approved Norwegian's application in December for a foreign carrier permit, allowing it to launch flights from the US to EU countries. Norway is not a member of the European Union, but the airline's Irish subsidiary which made the application can now access the EU's aviation rights to fly between the US and EU countries. Norwegian continues its expansion into long-haul in 2017 with new routes from the US to Barcelona, Edinburgh and three airports in Ireland already scheduled.

### **---Singapore, Ethiopian Extend Codesharing---**

6 Apr 2017

Airwise

Singapore Airlines and Ethiopian Airlines will extend their codesharing agreement from June as Ethiopian introduces direct flights to Singapore. Singapore Airlines passengers will get improved access to the African carrier's regional destinations under the expanded agreement. Ethiopian's passengers will be able to travel on Singapore's Asian and South Pacific flights under ET flight numbers. Singapore Air's Tan Kai Ping said the "expansion of our important partnership is in line with our ongoing effort to continuously expand our network reach and to offer customers more travel options." Ethiopian's Girma Shiferaw said the agreement will "play a critical role in enhancing investment, trade and tourism ties between a rising Africa, and a highly developed, innovative, and business-friendly Singapore." The airlines first began codesharing on each other's flights to and from Dubai in 2011.

### **---Southwest Airlines Reports March Traffic---**

7 Apr 2017

Airwise

Southwest Airlines reported its March and first quarter traffic figures on Friday, with passenger numbers up by just over 3 percent. Southwest carried 11.29 million revenue passengers in March, an increase of 3.2 percent on the previous year. For the quarter to end March the airline served 29.5 million revenue passengers, a 3.3 percent lift. Traffic in revenue passenger miles (RPM) was up 3.9 percent for the month, but available seat miles (ASM) capacity rose 4.5 percent, resulting in a 0.5 percentage point fall in load factor to 84.1 percent. For the quarter, RPM traffic increased 3.3 percent on an ASM capacity rise of 4.1 percent. Load factor dropped 0.6 percentage points to 79.9 percent. Southwest estimates first quarter 2017 operating revenue per ASM will decline by between two and three percent compared with 1Q16. It said bookings and unit revenue trends remain strong for the second quarter.

### **---United Airlines Reports Traffic Performance---**

10 April 2017

Airwise

United Airlines announced its consolidated traffic performance for March and the first quarter, and said its Q1 passenger unit revenue would be flat compared to 2016. United's passenger traffic in RPM (revenue passenger miles) terms was up 3 percent in March on a 3.4 percent increase in available seat miles (ASM) capacity. Passenger load factor fell 0.3 percentage points to 81.3 percent. Domestic RPM traffic rose 5.8 percent during the month, with mainline up 8.5 percent, but regional slipped 4.6 percent. International passenger traffic dipped 0.7 percent. United increased its domestic ASM capacity by 4.6 percent, with mainline up 7 percent, but regional capacity was down 4.8 percent in March. International capacity increased 1.9 percent in the month.

### **---Alaska Air Group Traffic Up Despite Storms---**

10 Apr 2017

Airwise

Alaska Air Group reported its March and first quarter 2017 traffic numbers on Monday, including its Alaska Airlines and Virgin America units. March saw a 5.4 percent increase in revenue passengers carried by the group at 3.74 million, with Alaska up 7.3 percent, but Virgin America had a more modest 1.4 percent increase on March 2016.

For the quarter to end March, the group flew just over 10 million passengers, a 4.4 percent increase on the previous year. Alaska carried 5.95 million, up 5.5 percent, and Virgin America 1.83 million, a 3.8 percent increase. Regional operations at Horizon, SkyWest and Peninsula Airlines accounted for the remaining 2.23 million passengers carried by the group in 1Q17.

### **---American Airlines First Quarter Traffic Dips---**

11 Apr 2017

Airwise

American Airlines released its March and first quarter traffic results on Tuesday, showing a slight drop in passenger traffic. American carried 17.16 million passengers in March, and 43.38 million for the quarter, falls of 0.5 and 1.2 percent respectively. Passenger traffic for March in revenue passenger miles (RPM) was down 1.2 percent on lower available seat miles (ASM) capacity, down 0.9 percent. The resulting load factor was 81.5 percent, a 0.2 percentage point drop.

For the quarter to end March, American's RPM passenger traffic dropped 1.5 percent, with ASM capacity down 1.1 percent, and load factor 0.4 percentage points down at 79.2 percent. AA reduced capacity in all market segments, with east coast domestic flights seeing the biggest drop of 6.9 percent. Latin America routes saw a capacity drop of 6.7 percent during the quarter. RPM domestic traffic fell in all areas except on Pacific routes, which had a 24.1 percent increase. International routes traffic was also down 0.9 percent in Q1. The airline includes Canada, Puerto Rico and US Virgin Islands flights in its domestic results. American said it expects first quarter 2017 total revenue per available seat mile (TRASM) to be up by about 2 to 4 percent, against 1Q16. That compares to previous guidance of a TRASM improvement of between 1.5 and 3.5 percent.

### **---Eurowings Leads Lufthansa Group Higher---**

11 Apr 2017

Airwise

Lufthansa Group saw a 14 percent increase in passenger numbers for March as it reported strong monthly and first quarter traffic figures. The group carried 9.59 million passengers in the month and 25.23 million in the quarter to end March. The quarterly total was a 13 percent improvement on the first quarter of 2016. Passenger traffic in RSK (revenue seat km) terms was up 11 percent in March on an ASK (available seat km) capacity increase of 9.9 percent. Load factor came in 0.8 percentage points higher at 77.2 percent. For the quarter, Lufthansa Group RSK passenger traffic was 11.3 percent higher, ASK capacity was up 9.5 percent, and load factor was 76.1 percent, a 1.2 percentage point increase. Strong growth at low cost unit Eurowings helped 'point-to-point airlines', which includes Germanwings and Brussels Airlines, fly 5.55 million passengers in the quarter, a 68 percent jump on 2016. RSK traffic more than doubled, rising 112.4 percent, almost matching an ASK capacity increase of 112.5 percent. Load factor eased back 0.1 percentage points to 73.9 percent. Of the network airlines, Swiss reported the biggest improvement in passenger traffic, with an RSK increase of 10.2 percent. It lifted capacity by 8 percent during the quarter. Lufthansa saw a 1.9 percent RSK traffic improvement, but Austrian brought in a lower traffic result, down 0.5 percent on 1Q16. Group cargo capacity rose 3.6 percent in the quarter, with revenue ton km up 8.3 percent.

### **---United Issues Apology For Mistreatment---**

11 Apr 2017

Airwise

United Airlines' chief executive Oscar Munoz has issued an apology, with the airline accepting "full responsibility" for "what happened" on United Express flight 3411 on Sunday. He said the airline "will work to make it right," and that "it's never too late to do the right thing." The statement came after United earlier apologized for "having to re-accommodate these customers," but not for the handling of the situation itself.

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