



Vanguard Eagle

San Diego Chapter AA TWA U.S AIR September 2017

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Please submit membership donations to Kay Bays, Vanguard Treasurer, 5038 September Street, SD, CA 92110

Enjoy the Labor Day Holiday.

---1 August 2017 Picnic---

The Vanguard Picnic for 2017 was again held at the Gazebo on the Bayfront at Clairemont Drive and I-5. We had a good turnout and I counted 22 attendees. But when I listed them I found that the number was actually 24. There was more than enough food and drink for all our members so no one went home hungry. The weather was warm but we had a coastal haze to keep us comfortable. Again, as at every picnic, the prime activity was talking with your fellow Vanguard members. It was an occasion to catch up on your friend's activities and/or problems. A lot of times talking with friends gives you ideas for your own situation, or your experience may help your fellow retiree. Since there were 24 people at the picnic, I will try to list them from memory:

Bob and Irene Garrett	Kay Bays	Jim and Ruth Annunziata
Bruce and Claudette Craig	Tony Paradowski	Brad Davis and Louise Oliverio
Nancy Day and Keith Widdop	Gerry Sherlock	June Caldwell
Ralph Butlin and Walli Stebel	Marcy Davitt	Dick and Alice McCormick
Jorge and Bonny Benitez	Sue Parsons	Steve and Margaret Jahn

Irene Garrett had two birthday drawings, one for July (since we had no meeting) and one for August. Brad Davis won the July drawing and Gerry Sherlock won the August drawing. Bill Sherlock was unable to attend but was probably happy when Gerry came home with the birthday check.



---Vanguard Christmas Party---

Yes, Christmas is just around the corner and the Vanguard Christmas party will be held Tuesday, 5 December 2017. Please Keep that date in mind and mark it on your appointment calendar. We will again be holding the party at the Holiday Inn Bayside at 4875 North Harbor Drive (not at the Embarcadero). Irene Garrett is trying to coordinate the same terms the Holiday Inn gave us last year. We hope she has success. We will let you know the exact terms when we learn of them.



---Roster Change---

Please cut and paste or change the following address in your roster booklet.

Tony Paradowski
Paradise Village Retirement Community
2720 East 4th Street
National City, CA. 91950

Tel: 619 352-3541



---Vanguard 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 beach Clean-up outing. We cordially invite you to the September beach clean-up. It will be the 3rd Tuesday of the month, September 19th, 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. We recommend getting a Pick-up Stick to avoid bending excessively while cleaning the beach.

---Signing into the Retiree Website---

Most of you are familiar with the Retiree website page at the left. It seems to require more effort to complete than the old window, but it asks for the same input: your Employee number and your password. To get to the sign in window, type or copy and paste the text below into your browser.

<https://retirees.aa.com/AARetirees/home.page>

You must place your cursor to the right of "AA ID#" until a long rectangle appears on the line. Then you can enter your employee number in the rectangle. Next, bring your cursor to the next line to the right of "Password" and enter your Password after the long rectangle appears. Then push "login"

The number we have in the Roster for help with Jetnet problems is: **888 207-2607**



Sept 1 – **Anthony Paradowski, Brigid Weese**
 Sept 4 – **Marian Psomas**
 Sept 6 – **Audrey McCarthy**
 Sept 8 – **Ivan Reddington**
 Sept 12 – **Richard ‘Rick’ Doremus**
 Sept 17 – **Alma Jean Giannetta, Larry Moore**

Sept 19 – **Robert Welch**
 Sept 20 – **Betty Kuptz, Carol Holler, Tim Ahern**
 Sept 21 – **George Boiko**
 Sept 26 – **Robert Henkel**
 Sept 27 – **Dudney O’Dell, Lois Mitchell**
 Sept 28 – **Frieda Puma**



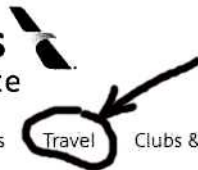
---Vanguard Anniversaries – September---

Sept 14 – **George and Helen Boiko** (1958)

---New and Old---

The Non Rev Travel Planner has been changed recently and some members are finding it hard to list themselves or their relatives. The Old NRTP is still available for those of you who don't want to learn a new system. So after you log into the retiree site as shown on page 2, you will see the following heading below. To get Travel information you must click ----Travel----

American Airlines
Retiree Site



Home Quick Links ▾ Benefits **Travel** Clubs & Organizations Logout



Now a new window will appear as below. You can then choose the new Travel Planner on top, or the old Travel Planner on the bottom. Since many of us don't want to learn a new system, you can choose the "Legacy NRTP" at the bottom:

Travel

Travel On American

 Travel Planner

 Travel Guide

 Traveler information

 Travel history

 Legacy NRTP

New Travel Planner

Old Travel Planner

The New Travel Planner shows all information that the old one had but you may have to click here and there to get it. I have also found that once I booked a flight, and wanted to edit it, I was not able to change the priority and had to delete the listing to change the entry. This might be a failing on my part rather than the TP.

The old Travel Planner or "Legacy NRTP" has all the same information as the new and also allows editing of Priority without deleting the old entry.

---China Certifies ARJ-21 Regional Jet Production---

10 July 2017

Airwise

China's Commercial Aircraft Corporation (COMAC) has received regulatory approval to produce the ARJ-21 Advanced Regional Jet. The Civil Aviation Administration of China (CAAC) awarded a production certificate for the jet which had its first flight in November 2008. The certificate allows COMAC to deliver the ARJ-21 to customers for commercial service.

Chinese type certification of the ARJ-21 was granted in December 2014, with first delivery to Chengdu Airlines in June 2016. The airline has flown a limited number of flights with the aircraft since then. Chengdu is expected to receive five more ARJ-21s later this year. It currently has two ARJ21-700s in its fleet, with another 28 on order.

---Air Transat To Add 10 Airbus A321LRs To Fleet---

11 July 2017

Airwise

Canadian leisure airline Air Transat will add 10 Airbus A321LR long range aircraft to its fleet under a lease agreement. The A321LRs, to be leased through AerCap for a period of 12 years, will be delivered during 2019 and 2020. Airbus said Air Transat will be the first North American operator of the A321LR. Air Transat will operate the new aircraft on sun destinations and its established transatlantic routes. It will offer club and economy classes in a two-class layout, seating 200 in total.

The A321LR is the long range version of Airbus's largest A320-family member. It extends the aircraft's range to up to 4,000 nautical miles (7,400 km). Air Transat said it will use the new aircraft to replace its older and less fuel efficient A310s. "The A321neo LR will perfectly complete our fleet of A330s and B737s," Transat chief executive Jean-Marc Eustache said. "These aircraft are also an ideal solution for replacing our A310s."

Air Transat has a fleet of 31 permanent aircraft which it uses in a "flexible-fleet model", allowing it to fly more wide-body aircraft for the busy summer season, and narrow-body aircraft in winter for flights to winter sun destinations.

---Aeroflot Orders 20 Additional Superjet 100s---

18 July 2017

Airwise

Aeroflot has signed a firm contract for 20 Sukhoi Superjet 100 aircraft, adding to a previous order. The firm order follows a Memorandum of Understanding between the two parties signed in January 2015. Aeroflot already has 30 Superjet 100s in service on domestic and regional routes. The confirmed order will bring its fleet total to 50. The SSJ100s will have a two-class layout, 12 business class seats and 75 seats in economy. First delivery is scheduled for the summer, with all 20 to be handed over by July 2018.

---Mandarin Airlines Orders Six ATR72-600s---

19 July 2017

Airwise

Taiwan's Mandarin Airlines has ordered six ATR 72-600s in a deal worth \$160 million dollars at list prices. Mandarin selected the ATRs for its domestic network in Taiwan, with the aim of improving the carrier's regional connectivity. ATR said it is also willing to provide engineering and technical support to Mandarin's parent company China Airlines to set-up in-house capabilities for ATR heavy maintenance, up to C-checks.

ATR chief executive Christian Scherer said Mandarin "conducted a very thorough and comprehensive evaluation of alternatives for their regional network in Taiwan.... We look forward to our partnership with Mandarin, and to supporting a stellar operation."

Mandarin Airlines is a subsidiary of Taiwan's flag carrier China Airlines. It currently operates a fleet of Embraer E190s and Boeing 737s.

---IAG Orders Three More A330s For LEVEL---

24 July 2017

Airwise

European airline group IAG (IAG, is an Anglo-Spanish multinational airline holding company with its operational headquarters in London, England and its registered office in Madrid, Spain, Composed of British Airways, Iberia, Aer Lingus, Vueling, Level and smaller subsidiaries), has ordered three additional Airbus A330s for its new low cost unit LEVEL. Barcelona based LEVEL launched at the beginning of June and currently operates flights to Los Angeles, Oakland, Buenos Aires, and Punta Cana in the Dominican Republic with two A330s. At the time of the launch, IAG chief executive Willie Walsh said the LEVEL brand has resonated with a new audience, many of whom are flying long-haul for the first time. The order is worth \$701 million dollars at current list prices.

---Ryanair Increases Q1 Profit On Easter Boost---

24 July 2017

Airwise

Ryanair reported a 55 percent increase in net profit for the first quarter of 2017, boosted by the inclusion of Easter this year. After tax profit for the quarter to end June came in at €397 million euros (\$462 million dollars), from last year's €256 million euros. The result was partially due to a strong April and further improved by Easter falling in the first quarter this year. Ryanair chief executive Michael O'Leary said the result was offset by adverse sterling and lower bag revenue as more customers switched to its two free carry-on bag policy. Ryanair flew 35 million passengers in the quarter, a 12 percent increase, which helped push the quarter's revenue up to just under €1.69 billion euros, a 13 percent increase. The Irish low cost carrier reduced its unit costs by 6 percent as it saved money on fuel. It sees further fuel savings for the full year as hedges now cover 90 percent of the total.

Ryanair took delivery of 14 new Boeing 737s during the quarter to bring its fleet size to 397. It also added an order for 10 additional 737 MAX-200s to a previous order for 100. Looking forward, the Irish airline said it continues to be concerned at the uncertainty surrounding the terms of Britain's exit from the European Union. It will continue to campaign for the UK to remain in the EU Open Skies agreement. First half guidance is for average fares to fall by approximately 5 percent as the airline grows H1 traffic by almost 11 percent. It increased its full year passenger target by 1 million to 131 million on the back of the first quarter's higher load factors. Its expectation for full year profit after tax continues to lie in a range of €1.40 billion to €1.45 billion euros.

---Boeing Profits From Reduced Costs---

26 July 2017

Airwise

Boeing made a net profit of \$1.76 billion dollars in the second quarter, compared to a \$234 million dollar loss in the same period last year. Revenue dropped in the quarter to end June, down to \$22.74 billion dollars from \$24.75 billion dollars in 2Q16, as the company eased back production rates of some commercial aircraft. The 737 and 777 are about to be replaced by the 737 MAX and 777X and production rates of the older models are being tweaked as part of the changeover. The number of commercial aircraft delivered during the quarter fell by 16 to 183.

Boeing pushed costs down 17.6 percent in Q2 to \$18.39 billion dollars, as it reduced its workforce by 3,000, compared with the end of the first quarter. The resulting operating profit for the quarter came in at \$4.35 billion dollars. The company's order backlog at the end of June was \$482 billion dollars, \$2.7 billion higher than Q1. "In the second quarter, we added to our large and diverse order backlog with key wins in commercial airplanes, defence, space and services, while achieving important milestones such as delivering the first 737 MAX," chief executive Dennis Muilenburg said. The first 737 MAX was delivered to Malaysia's Malindo Air in May. Boeing kept its goal for full year revenue at \$90.5 billion-\$92.5 billion dollars. Commercial deliveries are expected in the 760-765 range, again unchanged from previous guidance.

---Hawaiian Air Second Quarter Profit Steady---

26 July 2017 Airwise

Hawaiian Airlines posted a slightly improved net profit of \$80.4 million dollars for its second quarter, up just over 1 percent on the previous year. Revenue for the quarter to end June increased 13.6 percent to \$675.3 million dollars, with expenses up 13.2 percent at \$532.8 million dollars. Operating profit came in at \$142.5 million dollars, up 15 percent on 2Q16. Fuel and employee expenses were the biggest costs in the quarter, with wage costs up 18.2 percent at \$154.7 million dollars and fuel up 22.6 percent at \$102.8 million dollars.

Hawaiian carried 2.88 million passengers in Q2, from 2.75 million in the prior year period. Passenger traffic grew 6.6 percent in RPM terms, and ASM capacity by 4.1 percent to give a 2.1 percentage point improvement in load factor to 86.6 percent. Passenger unit revenue rose by 10 percent and CASM unit costs increased by 8.8 percent.

---Alaska Air Q2 Profit Up 13.8 Percent---

26 July 2017 Airwise

Alaska Air Group reported a second quarter net profit of \$296 million dollars, a 13.8 percent increase from the previous year. The result, which includes the impact of the takeover of Virgin America last December, comes on the back of a 41 percent increase in operating revenue to \$2.1 billion dollars.

"We had a very solid quarter, driven by a growing customer base and strong revenue performance," chief executive Brad Tilden said. "Although we're dealing with a number of operational challenges."

Operating expenses rose by 50 percent to \$1.61 billion dollars as the airline's wage bill increased by 41 percent in the quarter, partly as a result of a pay deal with pilots at its Horizon Air unit. With the inclusion of Virgin America's results and increased flying by group airlines, the fuel bill jumped 71 percent to \$344 million dollars. It paid an average of \$1.71 dollars per gallon for fuel in Q2, up from \$1.53 in the previous year period.

Group airlines carried 11.4 million passengers during the quarter, up from 2Q16's 8.65 million. RPM passenger traffic rose by 44.2 percent on an ASM capacity increase of 41.1 percent. Load factor was up 1.9 percentage points to 86.8 percent. Passenger unit revenue edged up 1.3 percent, but unit costs, excluding fuel and special items, climbed by 2.1 percent. Alaska Air took delivery of two Airbus A321neos in the quarter, from an order for ten made by Virgin America prior to the takeover. As an all-Boeing operator, Alaska may defer or cancel some or all of the Airbus orders if it decides to maintain that position.

---Airbus Profit Hit By Delivery Problems---

27 July 2017 Airwise

Airbus made a €1.5 billion euro net profit in the first half, a drop of 15 percent from the previous year period. Total revenue of €28.7 billion euros was a shade down on 1H16, but adjusted earnings before interest and tax (EBIT) fell 35 percent to €1.1 billion euros.

Airbus said it was making good process in the production ramp up of the A350, with 30 delivered in the half year, from 12 in 1H16. The A320neo ramp up is not going as well, with problems on the Pratt & Whitney geared turbofan engines continuing to affect deliveries. Airbus said Pratt "has introduced some fixes but these improvements have not come through yet on a reliable basis under normal service conditions." In contrast, aircraft ordered with the alternative CFM International LEAP engines are being delivered on schedule. The ambitious target of close to 200 A320neo deliveries in 2017 is more challenging given the engine issues, Airbus said. Looking forward, the airframer said it expects "the world economy and air traffic to grow in line with prevailing independent forecasts, which assume no major disruptions." Airbus expects to deliver over 700 aircraft this year, but that depends on engine manufacturers meeting their commitments.

---Indian Aircraft Market Worth \$ 290 Billion Over 20 Years--- 31 July 2017 Airwise

Boeing has forecast demand for 2,100 new commercial aircraft in India over the next 20 years, worth \$290 billion dollars in sales. The forecast, part of Boeing's Current Market Outlook for India, forecast traffic growth at more than 20 percent, with low cost carriers accounting for over 60 percent of flights.

"Commercial aerospace demand in India continues to grow at unprecedented rates," Boeing SVP Dinesh Keskar said. "The increasing number of passengers combined with a strong exchange rate, low fuel prices and high load factors bodes well for India's aviation market, especially for the low-cost carriers." Single aisle aircraft will continue to form the largest segment of sales to India, with a forecast of just under 1,800 planes as low cost carriers continue to grow rapidly. The wide-body segment of the market will see orders for 310 aircraft. Boeing forecasts the Indian aircraft market to make up about 5 percent of worldwide sales of 41,030 aircraft over the next 20 years.

---IndiGo Reports Record Quarterly Profit---

31 July 2017

Airwise

Low cost Indian carrier IndiGo reported an INR 8.11 billion rupee (\$126 million dollars) net profit for its first quarter, a 37 percent increase and its highest ever quarterly profit.

Total revenue for the quarter to end June was INR59.56 billion rupees, with passenger revenue coming in 27.9 percent higher at INR50.78 billion rupees. Costs of INR48.31 billion rupees meant the airline made an operational profit of INR11.24 billion rupees, a 50.6 percent increase from the previous year quarter. IndiGo's president Aditya Ghosh said "We are pleased to report our highest ever profit after tax this quarter. At the same time, were ranked number One in on-time performance for the quarter."

Passenger traffic in revenue passenger kms (RPK) rose 25.4 percent on an ASK capacity increase of 18.7 percent. Load factor for the quarter was 88.0 percent, an increase of 4.7 percentage points from 1Q16. IndiGo's RASK revenue edged up 5.5 percent and yield 2.0 percent. It also pushed its costs per available seat km, ex fuel, down by 2.5 percent.

IndiGo added four aircraft to its fleet during the quarter, three of which were Airbus A320neos. That brought its fleet of neos to 22, but a number had to be taken out of service due to ongoing problems with the aircraft's Pratt & Whitney engines. The airline now has a fleet total of 135 A320-family aircraft. Looking forward, the airline expects to increase ASK capacity by 15 percent in the second quarter, and 20 percent for the full year.

---Air Canada Reports Strong Second Quarter Profit---

1 August 2017

Airwise

Air Canada reported a 61 percent boost in net income for its second quarter as it flew more passengers, and operating revenue rose by 13 percent. Net profit for the quarter to end June was CAD\$300 million Canadian dollars (\$239.7 million US dollars), from CAD \$186 million Canadian dollars in the prior year period. Operating income edged up slightly to CAD\$281 million Canadian dollars on revenue of CAD\$3.91 billion Canadian dollars. Air Canada's chief executive Calin Rovinescu said the airline delivered record operating revenues, exceeding last year's results.

Air Canada carried 11.9 million passengers during the quarter, a 9.7 percent increase on 2Q16. It increased ASM capacity by 13.5 percent and saw RPM traffic rise by 13.6 percent. Load factor edged up by 0.1 of a percentage point to 82.5 percent.

"Demand continues to be robust in a stable fuel and pricing environment as we move into what has historically been our most important quarter given the travel demands and patterns of our North American customers," Rovinescu said.

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**Next Meeting Tuesday
Sept 5th, 2017
10:15 AM
SAN DIEGO AIR & SPACE
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