



# Vanguard Eagle

**San Diego Chapter**  **TWA**  **U-S AIR** **April 2018**

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 *Happy Easter*  *Happy Passover* **Vanguards** 

## ---The 6th of February Vanguard Meeting---

We had no guest speaker at our February 6th meeting. We did have a good turnout however and by the time we left, there were 19 of our members in attendance. Bob and Irene Garrett came, so we had an anchor at the meeting. We discussed some of our members. Bruce Craig was back home after his surgery and is slowly recovering. He will need further time to fully recover. Our senior Vanguard member, Joseph Albo, who will be turning 95 on the 24th of March, was at the meeting and won the birthday drawing. (10 dollars) The Fifty/Fifty drawing (35 dollars) was won by Gerry Sherlock, for the very first time in about 30 years.

Ralph Butlin told us about his one bad night, when all of a sudden his short term memory has just about gone. His domestic partner, Walli Stebel is looking into treatment for his condition. Debby Burroughs who also attended the meeting gave Walli some information on treatment possibilities for Ralph's condition. We hope he is fortunate enough for Walli to find a real solution for him.

In the course of normal business, we asked members to provide a speaker for future meetings. So as the paper slips passed around, we took a slip and now have a list for the year. We have Karen Scanlon coming to our April 3rd meeting to tell us about San Diego's airports. No speaker yet for the May meeting. For June the Garretts will be providing a speaker, In July, it will be Louise Oliverio. In August we have our picnic. In September, Debby Burroughs will be providing a speaker. In October it will be Walli Stebel's turn and in November, Steve Jahn will bring a speaker.

---Guest speaker for April 3, 2018--- will be **Karen Scanlon** who has been caring for the Fresnel lenses of the San Diego Lighthouses with her twin sister Kim. The sisters have co-authored a book titled "Lighthouses of San Diego." Karen is a contributing member of LaPlaya Trail Association and also the Maritime Museum of San Diego. For her work to commemorate the San Diego naval disaster of 1905, Karen is the proud recipient of the **Martha Washington Medal** awarded by the Sons of the American Revolution. Karen will be telling us about our aviation history in San Diego. At least 68 homespon airfields have popped up in San Diego county over the last 100 years. The first recorded site was a small glider field south of the fledging 1883 city. By 1928, a two runway municipal airport, which eventually became Lindbergh Field, was dedicated near downtown San Diego. But what about all the other by-gone fields where early pilots landed their craft in San Diego? Come to the meeting on April 3rd and Karen will tell us about them.

### ---How the date of Easter/Passover is determined---

If you have wondered why the date of Easter or Passover is so different from that of the prior year, you should find the following information helpful. Since we know that Christ's crucifixion came at the Passover festival (His family asked to take him down for burial so he would not be left out at the Passover) So the timing of the Passover is used for the date of Easter Sunday. The Passover is set for the first full moon after the Vernal Equinox. (The spring day with equal hours of day and night) So since the Equinox is on the 20/21st of March, Passover always comes after that date. Since the Lunar cycle is a period of 30 days, you can expect to have Passover from 1 to 29 days after the spring equinox. This year has Passover starting on 30 March and therefore Easter Sunday follows on the first Sunday thereafter or 1 April 2018.



### ---Vanguard Beach Clean-Up---

These past few months have featured cool weather, which are abnormal for most of us long term California residents. We normally have our Beach Clean Up on the 3rd Tuesday of the month, (**April 17th, 2018**) at **Ventura Cove**. We normally meet at 10 a.m. You would 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. Since the weather has been unseasonably cool, please call Irene Garrett - **619 464-1250** to make sure we will actually be meeting at Ventura Cove this month.

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

The following members have not made their \$ 20.00 dollar Vanguard donations for 2018 as of this date. After the April issue you will no longer receive the newsletter if payment is not received. We hope to keep all of you as newsletter subscribers.

Benitez	Claxton	Doremus	Hefty	Liakas	Phifer	Vock
Bracken	Craig	Evans	Koester	Markham	Steven	Vreeken
Burnett	Degner	Guzman	Kusiak	Miller	Solsbak	Wosewick

### ---Volunteering for the 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 and would be more than happy to 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 experience might help another retiree with their questions/problems.

Happy Birthday Vanguards



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**---April Birthdays---**

April 4 - **Esther Rodriguez**  
April 6 - **Paul Delaney**  
April 7 - **David Ellison**  
April 12 - **Ed Roeger**  
April 14 - **Hank Stey**  
April 18 - **Mary Price**  
April 21 - **Beatrice O'Connor**  
April 23 - **Ruth Marsh**  
April 25 - **Alice McCormick, Lillian Miller**  
April 28 - **Liz Dano, Mary Doremus,**  
**Garret Fuller**  
April 29 - **Jim Markham**



**---April Anniversaries---**

April 7 – **Jim and Marge Markham (1951)**  
April 9 - **Brad Daves amd Louise Oliverio (2005)**  
April 16 – **Bill and Dorothy Lunt (1945)**



***3 Diamond Society***

The 3 Diamonds Society convention will be held in Charlotte NC, May 8-10, 2018 --- Save the dates... May 8-10 in CLT!  
Anyone who has 30 years service with American Airlines is a member.

This year's convention will feature a trip to the nearby Carolina Aviation Museum, which now houses the actual aircraft that Sully ditched on the Hudson, in "The Miracle on the Hudson." We will also get to hear about it from some folks who were actually involved in the incident itself or the subsequent investigation.

This will be an opportunity to get together with others who hold American Airlines very dear to their hearts, and to see some great things along the way. We will send a PDF Overview of the Convention with the e mail version of our newsletter which will include Hotel information, Tour costs, Museum Visits, and Reservation forms.

### **---Airbus To Explain A380, A400M Rate Cuts---**

5 Apr 2018

Airwise

Airbus is to meet members of its European Works Council on Wednesday to explain reductions in the production rate of its A380 civil and A400M military aircraft. At the meeting, Airbus said it will explain the rate reductions and discuss the implications for the workforce. "Airbus deeply regrets that the process on the current subject matter has been disturbed by leaks to the media, which resulted in excessive reporting about alleged job cuts in its four home countries," Airbus said in a media release. The announcement comes after a report in a French business publication said Airbus was planning to cut or move 3,600 jobs within the group. Airbus did not comment on the report.

In January, Emirates agreed to buy up to 36 A380s in a provisional order that will keep the world's largest passenger jet in production until 2018, while Airbus seeks orders from other airlines. Prior to the order, Airbus chief salesman John Leahy had said A380 production would have to be wound down if Emirates failed to order more aircraft.

### **---Boeing South Carolina Workers Seek Union Recognition---**

5 March 2018

Airwise

A group of workers at Boeing's South Carolina assembly plant have petitioned the aerospace giant to seek union recognition at the North Charleston location. The petition by the International Association of Machinists (IAM) is the third in three years, but this time is limited to flight line employees, Boeing said in a statement. General manager at Boeing South Carolina, Joan Robinson-Berry, said the IAM union "refuses to hear the clear message our team has voiced repeatedly. Now they want to pit our teammates directly against each other." She said the company will challenge the petition as it attempts "to isolate our flight line teammates, is unreasonable and is prohibited by federal law." The National Labor Relations Board will now determine if the petition will proceed as submitted. If the NLRB approves the petition it will be put to the relevant workers in a ballot. Boeing pointed out that in the last ballot, 74 percent of votes cast opposed union recognition.

### **---Hawaiian Air Goes For 10 Boeing 787s---**

6 March 2018

Airwise

Hawaiian Airlines has signed a letter of intent to purchase 10 Boeing 787-9s in a deal worth \$2.8 billion dollars at list prices when converted to a firm order. The agreement includes purchase rights for an additional 10 aircraft, the airline said. First delivery is due in the first quarter of 2021. Hawaiian currently operates 24 Airbus A330s and its successor, the A330neo, was also in contention for the order, but the airline decided to go for the 787. "We were in the enviable position of choosing between two outstanding models for our flagship aircraft of the future and I couldn't be more excited about the prospect of adding the Dreamliner to Hawaiian's fleet," the airline's chief executive Peter Ingram said. Hawaiian expects to complete binding purchase agreements with Boeing and engine supplier GE in the second quarter of the year. The airline said it will also begin negotiating the inclusion of the 787 in its contracts with the Air Line Pilots Association and the Association of Flight Attendants, requirements for the company's Board to give final approval of the order.

### **---Airbus Confirms A380, A400M Production Cuts---**

7 March 2018

Airwise

Airbus has confirmed production rate cuts on its A380 civil and A400M military aircraft in a change that will affect up to 3,700 jobs. The cut, presented to Airbus's European Works Council on Wednesday, will mean a drop in A380 production to six per year from 2020. The A400M military transporter will see a drop in output to eight per year.

The jobs under threat are in all four of the company's home countries of France, Germany, Spain and the United Kingdom. Airbus said it is confident that most of the affected employees will transfer to other jobs within the group.

### **---India To Need 1,750 New Jets To Meet Demand---**

9 March 2018

Airwise

Airbus says India will need 1,750 new passenger and cargo aircraft over the next 20 years to meet strong demand, with the country set to become the world's third largest aviation market by 2019/20. Of the total, Airbus forecasts the need for 1,320 new single-aisle aircraft and 430 wide-bodies. In total, the aircraft are valued at \$255 billion dollars at list prices.

Airbus said the growth is expected to be driven "by the fast expanding economy, rising wealth and urbanization, [and] ambitious government backed regional connectivity programs. Four times as many Indians are forecast to travel by air in 2036 as today, with the market to expand by 8.1 percent per annum over the next 20 years. That is almost twice the global forecast of 4.4 percent. Domestic Indian traffic is expected to grow five-and-half times over the 2017-2036 period, reaching the same level as USA domestic traffic today, Airbus forecasts. Airbus said it will deliver one aircraft to India each week, on average, over the next 10 years.

### **---Turkish Air Splits Order Between Airbus, Boeing---**

9 March 2018

Airwise

Turkish Airlines has decided on its future long-haul fleet requirements and split its order between Airbus and Boeing, with firm orders worth a total of just under \$18 billion dollars at list prices. The Airbus order is for **25 A350-900s**, worth \$7.94 billion dollars, plus options on a further five. Airbus confirmed the agreement, saying the airline had signed a Memorandum of Understanding for the aircraft. Turkish Air also ordered **25 Boeing 787-9s**, worth \$7.04 billion, with options on another five. The airline said that if all 10 options are taken up, six aircraft will be delivered in 2019, 14 in 2020, 10 in 2021, 12 in 2022, 11 in 2023 and the final seven in 2024. Turkish Airlines also announced an order for an Airbus A330-200F cargo aircraft from DVB Bank.

### **---More P&W Engine Problems As India Grounds 11 A320neos---**

12 Mar 18

Airwise

India's civil aviation regulator has ordered 11 Airbus A320neos fitted with Pratt & Whitney engines to be grounded after an IndiGo aircraft suffered an engine failure on Monday. The latest problem on a P&W powered A320neo happened early on Monday morning when a domestic flight from Ahmedabad to Lucknow suffered an engine failure and had to return to Ahmedabad. The aircraft landed safely on one engine with no injuries.

India's Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) ordered the grounding of 11 A320neos, eight at IndiGo and three from GoAir. The regulator also asked the airlines not to refit the engines. The directive, which only applies to part of the airlines' A320neo fleet, became effective immediately and by Monday evening the aircraft had been taken out of service. Indian carriers have had three mid-air engine failures in less than a month, and the latest directive takes the total number of P&W geared turbofan-powered A320neos grounded to 14.

Pratt & Whitney in a statement said corrective action has been approved and "we have already begun to deliver production engines with the upgraded configuration. We are working to mitigate the Aircraft on Ground (AOG) situation by the end of the second quarter." The latest groundings are expected to affect over 70 flights daily between IndiGo and GoAir.

### **---Boeing Celebrates 10,000th 737 Produced---**

13 March 2018

Airwise

Boeing on Tuesday rolled out the 10,000th 737 at its Renton assembly plant in Washington state, a MAX 8 for Southwest Airlines. Boeing Commercial's Kevin McAllister said the milestone "represents more than 50 years of success and achievement on the part of thousands of Boeing employees past and present, our supplier partners, and our airline customers around the globe who put their confidence in the 737."

**---Spicejet Orders CFM 737 MAX Engines in # 12.6 Bn Deal--** 11 March 2018 Airwise  
Indian airline SpiceJet has signed an agreement with CFM International to buy LEAP-1B engines to power 155 Boeing 737 MAX aircraft in a \$12.5 billion dollar list price deal. The order, which includes spares, will equip the airline's entire 737 MAX fleet.

SpiceJet also signed a 10-year Rate per Flight Hour service agreement with CFM Services that will cover all of the airline's LEAP-1B engines. The announcement of the orders came on the first day of French President Emmanuel Macron's visit to India. **CFM International is a 50/50 joint company between France's Safran Aircraft Engines and GE of the United States.**

"We are looking forward to introducing the new LEAP-1B into our fleet," SpiceJet chairman Ajay Singh said. "From what we have seen so far, the LEAP-1B is living up to its promises for efficiency and reliability." SpiceJet ordered 55 737 MAX 8s in 2014 and added another 100-aircraft order in late 2016. The airline currently operates a fleet of 38 CFM56-powered Boeing Next Generation 737 aircraft.

**---Air Canada Computer Outage Disrupts Flights---** 12 Mar 2018 Airwise  
Air Canada said it had resolved 'computer-telecommunications issues' that affected operations on Monday, but delays and some cancellations were still expected due to the outage. "The computer and telecommunications issues affecting our operations have been resolved and we apologize for any inconvenience this situation has caused," the airline's president of passenger airlines Benjamin Smith said in a statement.

"We appreciate our customers' patience and we have arranged additional staffing to get our customers on their way as soon as possible," Smith added. The Canadian carrier advised in a tweet that airport systems, check-in and customer call centres were all back online. Air Canada said passengers should check the status of their flight and check-in online prior to traveling to the airport to avoid delays.

**---Aeroflot To Restart Egypt Flights in April---** 13 March 2018 Airwise  
Aeroflot will resume flying to Egypt in April, over two years after a bomb on a Russian Metrojet tourist flight from Sharm el-Sheikh to Moscow killed everybody on board. Russia suspended passenger flights to Egypt after the crash which the FSB security service said was caused by a homemade explosive device.

Aeroflot said "a significant increase in security measures was required to reinstate flights between the two countries." It said the requirements have been met on the Egyptian side and President Putin signed a decree in January allowing flights to restart. Aeroflot will operate three Moscow-Cairo flights per week from April 11, with daily flights between June 12 and July 2 during the World Cup which is being held in Russia.

**---Lufthansa Extends CEO Spohr's Contract---** 14 Mar 2018 Airwise  
Lufthansa's supervisory board has extended the contract of the airline's chief executive Carsten Spohr for a further five years. Spohr, who has been at Lufthansa since 1994 and CEO since May 2014, will remain in-post until December 2023, the airline said in a statement.

"Carsten Spohr has consistently and very successfully advanced the modernization of Lufthansa Group over the past years," Supervisory Board chairman Karl-Ludwig Kley said.

Spohr maintains a commercial pilot's license, allowing him to fly Airbus A320s.

### **---GE Flies New Engine For the Boeing 777X---**

14 March 2018

Airwise

GE Aviation flew its new large engine, the GE9XTM, for the first time on Tuesday after a series of technical issues delayed the first flight. The GE9XTM, which will power Boeing's new 777X, flew on GE's 747 flying testbed from Victorville, California. The flight lasted over four hours and the crew was able to complete "the entire test card", according to GE.

The flight "validated key operational and functional characteristics enabling the test campaign to progress in subsequent flights," a company statement said. "Today's flight starts the beginning of the GE9X flight test campaign that will last for several months, allowing us to accumulate data on how the engine performs at altitude and during various phases of flight," Ted Ingling, GE's general manager of the GE9X programme said. The GE9X has the largest front fan of any aero engine at 134 inches (340 cm) in diameter, and will develop 105,000 pounds (470 kN) of thrust. Certification testing of the engine began in May 2017, with icing tests and crosswind testing completed since then. GE expects certification of the engine in 2019, ready for Boeing 777X flight testing.

### **---Ryanair Adds Turkey As Tourism Recovery Continues---**

15 March 2018

Airwise

Ryanair is adding Turkey to its list of destinations as the country's tourist industry continues its recovery from the aftermath of security problems. The Irish low cost carrier will launch two new routes to the southwestern coastal city of Dalaman in June. Flights will operate once per week each from Dublin and Bratislava as part of the airline's summer 2018 schedule. After rapid growth, Turkey's tourism industry deteriorated in recent years as political tension and terrorist attacks scared off tourists.

European travel companies have seen recent signs of a recovery, however, as the number of foreign visitors to Turkey rose 28 percent in 2017. A further increase is expected this year as visitors from the country's two largest markets, Germany and Russia, return in increasing numbers.

### **---American, United Agree On O'Hare Expansion Plan---**

15 March 2018

Airwise

The expansion of Chicago's O'Hare airport has cleared an obstacle as American and United airlines agreed to support the city's plan after a disagreement over new gate assignments. A joint statement issued by Chicago Mayor Rahm Emanuel said the number of gates assigned to the two carriers will remain the same, but the city "committed to working with American to expedite the construction of three common use gates... which will be available for all carriers to use." American had previously opposed clauses in the airport lease that it said would give United five out of eight common use gates. The agreement to add the three gates in a much quicker timeframe appears to have placated the airline.

In coming to the party, American's chief executive Doug Parker said it was "strongly supportive of this agreement because it is what is best for the city of Chicago, our 9,300 Chicago team members and our customers." Mayor Emanuel called the agreement "a watershed moment" for the city, creating tens of thousands of jobs and generating billions of dollars in economic development. United's CEO Oscar Munoz hailed the "bold vision for a modern O'Hare that will vastly improve" the travel experience. "This agreement not only gives O'Hare a competitive edge against other airports, but also ensures that competition thrives between airlines, so that - in the end - the customer wins."

The \$8.5 billion dollar transformation plan, due to be finished by 2026, includes a complete redevelopment of the airport's terminals. Terminal 5, the current international terminal will be upgraded and expanded, Terminals 1 & 3 renovated and Terminal 2 redeveloped to include a new international arrivals facility to be called the O'Hare Global Terminal. The upgrade will expand O'Hare's overall terminal area by more than 60 percent, from 5.5 to 8.9 million square feet, and increase gate frontage by 25 percent.

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**Next Meeting  
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