



Vanguard Eagle

San Diego Chapter  **TWA**  **U-S AIR** February 2017

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Happy Valentines Day



---Valentines Day---

Saint Valentine, officially Saint Valentine of Terni, is a widely recognized third-century Roman martyr commemorated on February 14 (he died on Feb 14, 273 AD in Rome Italy) and since the High Middle Ages is associated with a tradition of courtly love. He was arrested in the reign of Claudius Gothicus for marrying Christian couples and otherwise aiding them. Back in the 50s while attending Catholic School, I can recall writing Valentine day cards to all my classmates, according to the instructions of our nun. So everyone gave and received roughly the same number of cards. It raised our awareness of the holiday. Sadly the loving picture of the holiday has been grossly violated at least twice since the saint's departure. Once in Chicago, where Al Capone gave an unloving reply to his competition by murdering 7 members of a rival Irish bootleg gang in 1929 on Valentine's day. (Feb 14), and again in the closing days of WWII during the firebombing of Dresden by British and American Bombers on Feb 13-14-15, 1945 which incinerated or cooked alive at least 20,000 people on the Saint's feast day. But sidestepping these two sad events, it is our hearts which are supposed to be aflame on Valentines Day for our prospective life-mates, and that is the customary tradition which has been followed over the centuries. So enjoy the day and remember those who are dear to your heart.

---The January 3rd Vanguard Meeting---

After the Holiday rush and the Christmas party, a lot of our members were busy with their personal affairs, on vacation, or recovering from illness. So we had a low attendance at the meeting. Irene started the meeting by reading a quote from FDR, that declared that America was greater than any single leader. We skipped the 50/50 drawing because of the low attendance but the birthday drawing was won by yours truly - Steve Jahn, as my birthday falls on 31 January and my name was pulled from the hat. Irene also read a nice letter from Mary Miller, thanking us for the obituary for her late husband, Glenn Miller. We had a lot of time to chat with our fellow members and that is always a good part of our meetings,--- **maybe the very most important part.**

---Donations for San Diego Vanguards 2017---

Now that you are struggling to pay your holiday bills we will also add our request that you make a \$ 20 dollar donation (for Individuals or Couples) to the San Diego Vanguards. The proceeds are used to pay our rent at the San Diego Air and Space Museum. Send your donation check to our Treasurer **Kay Bays, 5038 September Street, San Diego, CA, 92110** or bring cash or a check to our next Vanguard meeting at the Air and Space Museum and give it to Kay personally.

---Additions to Roster ---

Please write or cut and paste these changes into your roster booklet.

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---Vanguard Beach Clean-Up---

Our monthly beach clean-up at Ventura Cove is scheduled for the third Tuesday of the month, February 21st 2017. 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. Also, be sure to contact Irene Garrett at 619 464-1250, before going out to Ventura Cove, as the February weather is chancy with rain and/or cold during February.

---Confirmed AA Travel At 20% Off (AA20)---

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---Vanguard February Birthdays---

Happy Birthday **Vanguards**



Feb 1 – **Ron Burgess**
Feb 2 - **Cecil Goddard, Jim Wilson, Jeanne Welch**
Feb 4 - **Raymond Metcalfe, Jim Baker**
Feb 5 – **Edward Dillon, Mildred Donley**
Feb 7 – **Julita Chabot**
Feb 8 – **Jane Mullins, Paul Anderson**
Feb 9 – **Sue Parsons**
Feb 11 – **Mary Cox, William ‘Bill’ Larsen**
Feb 12 – **Margaret Ryan, Juanita Gibson**
Feb 14 – **Rosemary Dahlem**
Feb 15 – **Irene Garrett**
Feb 16 – **Mary Pelletier**
Feb 18 – **Sharon Crysler**
Feb 19 – **Lloyd Davis, Eunice Braymer**
Feb 24 – **Linda Steven**
Feb 26 – **Jim Donley**
Feb 27 – **Clara Stewart**
Feb 29 – **Dorothy Stey**



Feb 22 - **Bruce and Mary Hunter (1969)**

---Heathrow Passenger Numbers Hit New Record---

11 October 2016

Airwise

London Heathrow Airport's September passenger numbers were up 0.4 percent to a record high of 6.8 million. The passenger total for the year to end September was 57.3 million, a rise of 0.7 percent on last year's figure.

Cargo volumes through Heathrow rose 5.9 percent to 126,109 metric tons. Cargo throughput was up 2.1 percent for the year-to-date. The UK government is due to make a decision during October on which airport, Heathrow or London rival Gatwick, will be given approval to add another runway and ease capacity constraints in the south-east of England.

---Boeing To Convert 767s To Freighters For Atlas Air---

12 Oct 2016

Airwise

Boeing will convert nine 767 passenger aircraft to freighters for Atlas Air Worldwide. The converted freighter order will add to Atlas Air's existing all-Boeing fleet. Boeing's market outlook forecasts a need for 400 wide-body conversions over the next two decades, due to a rise in ecommerce.

---FedEx Express To Expand Paris CDG Hub---

18 Oct 2016

Airwise

FedEx Express is expanding its distribution hub at Paris Charles de Gaulle Airport, in a €200 million Euro initial investment. The 30-year lease will boost the company's package sorting capacity by more than 40 percent, the company said.

Construction is set to begin in mid-2017 and the facility will start operating by 2019. "This investment is part of the company's network expansion strategy... coupled with the recent TNT acquisition, [it] supports the evolving needs of our customers and the global marketplace," FedEx Express Europe president David Binks said.

---IATA Reports Stronger Freight Growth---

3 Nov 2016

Airwise

Demand for global air freight was up 6.1 percent in September, IATA reported in its monthly statement. Total capacity (in available freight tonne km) increased by 4.7 percent in the month over the same period last year. IATA said the improved result was partly due to the rush replacement of Samsung Galaxy Note 7 phones.

"Demand for air cargo strengthened in September. Although with growth in world trade virtually at a standstill, the air cargo sector still faces some major hurdles," IATA said in a statement. Of the major markets, Europe posted the strongest gains with freight volumes up 12.6 percent. Asia-Pacific came in second at 5.5 percent and North America third on a 4.5 percent lift. Africa saw a 12.7 percent increase in volumes, but represents only 1.5 percent of the total market.

---Pilot Strike Affects Amazon, DHL Cargo Airline---

22 Nov 2016

Airwise

Pilots at cargo airline ABX Air, which handles freight for Amazon and DHL, went on strike on Tuesday. The strike by about 250 pilots comes as the US heads into the busy holiday shopping season. The Teamsters union said ABX Air has violated its contract over the last two years by forcing pilots to work excessive emergency hours. It says ABX has insufficient staff to meet increasing demand. "To date in 2016, pilots have been scheduled to cover over 8000 emergency assignment days on days they should have had off," the union said in a statement. "ABX Air and ATSG are refusing to honor contractual provisions regarding compensatory time and vacation time in order to cover the pilot deficit." "We will seek a court order later today to restore the status quo operating environment, even as we continue discussions with union representatives about specific issues of concern," ABX Air President John Starkovich said. Around 75 flights were affected during Tuesday, with 45 operated for DHL, and 35 for Amazon each day.

---Embraer Supports Brazil's WTO Challenge To Canada--- 19 Dec 2016 Airwise

Embraer has expressed support for Brazil to initiate dispute settlement proceedings against Canada at the World Trade Organization for subsidies to Bombardier. Embraer said the decision to take the case to the WTO was of “strategic importance”. “The dispute settlement proceedings involve subsidies of over \$4 billion dollars provided by Canada to Bombardier,” Embraer said in a statement. “In 2016 alone, \$2.5 billion dollars have been provided to the Canadian manufacturer.”

Brazil believes that Canadian subsidies to Bombardier enabled the company to survive and allowed it to sell aircraft at “artificially low prices.” The process distorts the commercial aircraft market and violates Canada’s WTO obligations, the Embraer release states. After diplomatic attempts to resolve the issue, Embraer said that “the formal dispute settlement process at the WTO is the only means to ensure a level playing field in the market.” “Canadian subsidies have caused significant market distortions and are not in compliance with international trade rules,” Embraer’s chief executive Paulo Cesar Silva said.

---Airbus Signs Iran Air Deal For 100 Aircraft--- 22 Dec 2016 Airwise

Airbus and Iran Air have signed a contract for 100 aircraft in a deal worth up to \$18 billion dollars at list prices. The order is for 46 A320-family, 38 A330-family and 16 A350 aircraft. Deliveries will begin in early 2017 Airbus said. The agreement is subject to US government export licenses which are required for products containing 10 percent or more US technology content. Airbus said it coordinated with regulators in the EU, US and elsewhere to ensure full compliance.

“This is a landmark agreement not only because it paves the way for Iran Air’s fleet renewal”, Airbus chief executive Fabrice Bregier said. The deal “includes pilot training, airport operations and air traffic management... a significant first step in the overall modernization of Iran’s commercial aviation sector.” The Airbus contract comes after Boeing and Iran Air agreed an 80 aircraft order earlier this month, worth \$16.6 billion dollars at list prices. That agreement includes 50 737 MAX 8s, 15 current model 777-300ERs and 15 of the new 777X generation 777-9s.

---Sukhoi Superjet Defects Repaired By End-January--- 28 Dec 2016 Airwise

Russia’s Sukhoi has completed the inspection of Superjet 100s after a defect was found in the tail section of some aircraft. Sukhoi said in a statement that the defect in the ‘stabilizer attachment bands’ is not of a systemic nature and can be eliminated within a few days. The node features a multi-level redundant structure and has a safety margin that is more than twice operational loads, it said. Some Superjet 100s operated by Russia’s Aeroflot and Iraero were grounded, and Mexico’s Interjet also found problems on some of their aircraft. Defective parts will be replaced by the end of January and all affected aircraft will be returned to service, Sukhoi said.

---Delta Cancels Boeing 787 Dreamliner Order--- 28 Dec 2016 Airwise

Delta Air Lines has cancelled an order for 18 Boeing 787-8 Dreamliners, a deal valued at \$4 billion dollars based on list prices. The order was originally place by Northwest Airlines, a carrier Delta merged with in 2008. Terms of the cancellation were not disclosed. Delta said in a statement it would continue to take delivery of 120 Boeing 737-900ERs it currently has on order. Delta also has 25 Airbus A350-900s due for delivery from late 2017. and 25 A330-900neos scheduled for 2019 delivery.

---Emirates Resolves A380 Engine Issues With Rolls-Royce--- 29 Dec 2016 Airwise

Emirates said it has reached agreement with Rolls-Royce over an issue affecting Trent 900 engines for the airline’s Airbus A380 order. Emirates also confirmed it had taken delivery of its first Rolls-Royce-powered A380 with another two due before the end of the year. Emirates ordered Trent 900s to power 50 A380s in a 2015 deal worth \$9.2 billion dollars at list prices. Airbus said earlier this week it was delaying some A380 deliveries to Emirates in 2017 and 2018, affecting 12 aircraft in total.

---Boeing Adds Last Minute Orders To 2016 Total---

4 Jan 2017 Airwise

Aircraft lessor GECAS has ordered 75 Boeing 737 MAX 8s in a deal worth \$8.25 billion dollars at list prices. The order brings GECAS' total 737 MAX orders to 170 aircraft. Boeing also announced an order from Czech airline company **Travel Service** for five 737 MAX 8s, an order worth \$550 million dollars at list prices. The new orders will be included in Boeing's 2016 order total, which the company is due to announce on Friday.

---Qatar Airways Changes Order to A321neos---

5 Jan 2017 Airwise

Qatar Airways will upgrade its order for Airbus A320neos to the larger A321neo, the Gulf carrier's chief executive said. "We are going to take all A321s, there will be no more A320s," CEO Akbar al-Baker said. The change comes after the airline refused to accept delivery of A320neos in a dispute over engine performance. The Pratt & Whitney-powered A320neos need more time to start in some conditions, a situation Qatar Air found unacceptable.

The airline is yet to announce whether the A321neo order will be powered by Pratt & Whitney engines or whether it will switch to CFM International power plants. The aircraft will be delivered from 2018. The airline has reduced frequencies on more than a dozen routes from Doha because of hold-ups in the delivery of new aircraft from Airbus.

---Boeing Delivered 748 Aircraft in 2016---

6 Jan 2017 Airwise

Boeing on Friday announced its fourth quarter and full year 2016 delivery totals, likely maintaining its lead over Airbus. Commercial aircraft deliveries for the final quarter stood at 185 planes, including 122 737s and 33 787s. The full year total was 748, with 490 737s, 137 787s and 99 777s delivered. The 748-aircraft total means Boeing almost certainly will retain the top spot in deliveries. Airbus is yet to report its final numbers, but is expected to be well behind Boeing's.

Boeing booked 668 net orders for 2016, worth \$94.1 billion dollars at list prices. Its order backlog was 5,715 aircraft at year end. Among the orders, the 737-family stood out with 4,452 aircraft yet to be delivered. The slow selling 747, in contrast, has only 28 remaining orders.

---British Airways Flights To Operate Despite Strike---

6 Jan 2017 Airwise

British Airways said its customers will be able to fly to their destinations on Tuesday, January 10 and Wednesday, January 11, despite a proposed strike by some cabin crew. The Unite union, representing 2,500 'mixed fleet' cabin crew has called a 48 hour strike from January 10 in a dispute over pay. British Airways confirmed that all flights to and from London Gatwick and London City airports will operate normally over the strike period, but that some London Heathrow flights will be "merged".

Passengers affected by Heathrow flight cancellations will be notified and offered alternatives, the airline said. In a statement, BA urged its mixed fleet cabin crew to abandon strike plans, and said it would be available for further dialogue with the Unite union. The strike call comes after a ballot of the mixed fleet crew came out 79 percent in favour of industrial action. The union said its members were legally required to take industrial action within 28 days of voting for it. The pay dispute is over the 2,500, or 15 percent of total BA cabin crew, that work under "mixed fleet" employment terms. Unite says that they earn just over £12,000 Pounds (\$14,750 US dollars) plus flight pay of £3 pounds per hour when they start employment.

---Saudia Gets New Chairman In Shake-up---

9 Jan 2017 Airwise

Saudi Arabia has appointed a new chairman for flag carrier Saudi Arabian Airlines. Ghassan Bin Abdulrahman Al-Shabal has been appointed, replacing Sulaiman Al-Hamdan in a management shake-up. Representatives from the finance, economy and civil service sectors will also join the board.

---Airbus, China Air To Develop Maintenance, Training--- 10 Jan 2017 Airwise

Airbus and China Airlines have signed a Memorandum of Understanding to develop the airline's maintenance, engineering and technical training capabilities in Taiwan. Under the agreement, Airbus and China Air will evaluate solutions for the airline's services for its Airbus aircraft. The carrier's cabin and airframe modifications business will also be examined.

China Airlines' chairman Ho Nuan-Hsuan said the cooperation "bodes well for enhancing aviation industry capabilities in Taiwan for the Asia-Pacific region." China Airlines took delivery of its first A350 in September, bringing the total in service to four. CAL has 10 additional A350-900s on order.

---Aviation Capital Orders 35 Airbus A320-family Aircraft--- 10 Jan 2017 Airwise

Aircraft leaser Aviation Capital Group (ACG) announced an order for 35 Airbus A320-family aircraft, in a deal worth \$3.76 billion dollars at list prices. ACG, a subsidiary of Pacific Life Insurance, ordered 30 A320neos, two A320ceos and three A321ceo aircraft. The deal includes options on an additional 10 A320neos.

The order adds to ACG's A320-family orders, which now stand at 158, with 66 of those still to be delivered. Separately, ACG announced the sale of a portfolio of Airbus A320 and Boeing 737-family aircraft to an unnamed financial investor. The aircraft are currently on lease to a number of international airlines, ACG said in a statement.

---Airbus Sets Aircraft Delivery Record--- 11 Jan 2017 Airwise

Airbus set a company record for deliveries in 2016 with a total of 688 planes leaving its factories for airlines and leasing companies. Commercial aircraft deliveries were up for the fourteenth straight year, an 8 percent increase on 2015's 635. Airbus had a strong finish for 2016 as supply problems, particularly for new generation engines and cabin interiors, eased late in the year. Of total deliveries, 545 were for A320-family aircraft, including 68 A320neos. Airbus just missed its delivery target on the A350 with 49 handed over.

Airbus also delivered its 10,000th aircraft, an A350-900 for Singapore Airlines in October. "We delivered on our objectives in a challenging environment, proving our ramp-up readiness for the future," Airbus COO Fabrice Brégier said. Airbus announced its net order total of 731, with its order backlog of 6,874 aircraft worth over a trillion dollars at list prices.

Airbus beat Boeing in net orders, with Boeing's 668 falling short. **In terms of deliveries however, Boeing retained the top spot with 748 against the Airbus total of 688.** Boeing has now beaten Airbus in deliveries **for the last five years.**

---IranAir Receives First New Airbus A321--- 11 Jan 2017 Airwise

Iran Air has taken delivery of an A321, its first of an order for 100 Airbus aircraft. The delivery is the first since US-imposed sanctions against Iran were lifted. "This significant milestone marks the first practical step in Iran Air's ambitious passenger aircraft fleet renewal and its stronger presence in international civil aviation," Iran Air chief executive Farhad Parvaresh said in a statement.

Iran is forecast to need up to 500 aircraft to update its fleet and allow for route expansion. Airbus said the delivery complies with international law and US government Office of Foreign Assets Control licenses.

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