



Vanguard Eagle

San Diego Chapter  **TWA**  **U.S AIR** May 2019

Annual Membership Donation (per single or couple - includes newsletter subscription) ----- \$ 20.00

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



Remember the Sacrifice of our Service Personnel on Memorial Day



pag---The April 2nd Vanguard Meeting---

We had no guest speaker for our April meeting. Irene told us that the Markhams were married 68 years already and that we would be sending them a card. Don Gillam still has not returned and is battling with a case of shingles. We had 15 members attend the meeting. Dick McCormick won the 50/50 drawing. No eligible members were there for the birthday drawing. Kay told us that we had 36 total membership donations, down from 42 last year. Bill and Gerry Sherlock were in attendance and Gerry decorated the coffee table with all kinds of Easter decorations so we would remember the upcoming holiday. Gerry also invited the Vanguard members to come for Easter luncheon at her house on Easter Sunday. If you plan to attend give Gerry a call at **619 440-1145** or **619 990-1145**.

---3 Diamond Reminder---

Louise Oliverio asked why the dinner or breakfast costs \$ 100 dollars each but the total package is \$ 225 dollars. The explanation is that the membership fee for the 3 Diamonds is \$ 25 dollars. So if you join the Society it will cost you \$ 25 dollars for membership, and then you still pay \$ 100 dollars for either breakfast or dinner, or \$ 200 for both. If you choose not to join the Society, but still want to attend the breakfast or dinner, you can send a check for \$ 100 dollars per person per event, to:

**John Tippets
3001 Hickory Hills Lane
Colleyville, Texas 76034**

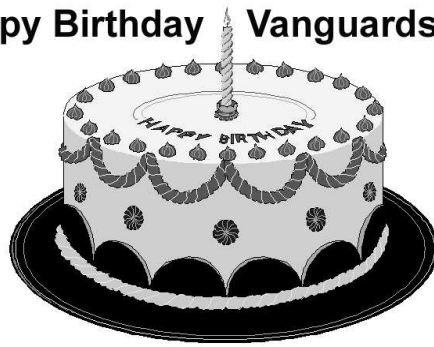
Make sure you include your name and the event you wish to attend along with the check and you will be entitled to come as John Tippet's guest.

---Renewal Time---

Along the way we have lost some of our old time regular members. We would love to have you back. Annual donation of \$ 20.00 dollars for singles or couples. Send to **Kay Bays, 5038 September Street San Diego, CA 92110**. We hope you have a very Happy Easter or Passover.

Benitez	Boiko	Dillon	Kezon	Lunt	Mottern
Benshop	Braken	Ellison	Knapp	Manning	Sanfilipo
Billings	Carlin	Evans	Koester	McCarthy	Steinberg
Bjork	Claxton	Gillam	Larsen	Miller L.	Vock
Blatt	Daniels	Kaptain	Liakas	Miller M.	Weese

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 14 – **Peggy Ramsing, Bonnie Benitez**

May 15 – **Bob Crowder**
May 17 – **Elsie Kling, 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)



We have organized two optional tours which hopefully a large group of Three Diamond Society Convention members might wish to do.

Tuesday, May 28th from approx. 2 PM until 6 PM, we will be going to the **Old Town San Diego State Historical Park** via trolley bus.



The Park is a great place to tour, to shop and to eat. We will be working with the popular 'Casa Guadalajara' restaurant, so that those who wish may have an early Mexican dinner (note: 4 PM there will be 6 PM in the Central Time zone)

The Trolley cost will be **\$ 20 dollars per person**. **Old Town Park** does not have an admission fee and the dinner prices are quite reasonable.

On Wednesday, May 29th, we will again have the Trolley service (approx. 10 AM to 2 PM) to take us to **Balboa Park** and the **Air and Space Museum**. Again, the Trolley cost will be \$ 20 dollars per person.



The **Air and Space Museum admission fee for Seniors is \$16.95**. With 2019 being the 50th Anniversary of the Apollo 11 Moon landing, the Museum's exhibits will be having an extensive Space exploration focus.

You can pay for the Trolley rides (Tuesday and/or Wednesday) with your registration. If seating is still available, additional ticket purchases may be possible on Monday, May 27th at the **Bayside Wyndham Hotel** Lobby Convention check-in desk.

SEE YOU IN SAN DIEGO!

see next page for 3 Diamond Membership Application Form



NEW MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Name and Employee Number _____

_____ Preferred First Name _____

Wife / Husband/ Partner's Name _____

Street Address _____

City & State _____ Zip Code _____

Telephone Number _____ (Home) _____ (Cell)

Email Address _____

Active Employee ___ Retired Employee ___ Retirement Date (if applicable) _____

Date of 1st employment with AA or predecessor airline or affiliated company

_____ Base _____

Current (or last) Position _____ Base _____

Other Positions or Bases _____

Dues are \$25 for both Active and Retired employees and Associate memberships. Initial dues must accompany this application and subsequent dues are due at convention time. (Dues are effective from convention to convention each year). Attach check in the proper amount, payable to **Three Diamond Society** to this application and mail to the Treasurer:

Jock Bethune, Treasurer, 2209 Mediterranean Ave, Arlington, TX. 76011-2614

Applicants Signature _____ Date _____

--- Air Canada Drops 737 MAX Until July ---

19 Mar 2019

Airwise

Air Canada will remove the Boeing 737 MAX from its flight schedules until at least July 1, due to the unknown timeline of its return to service. The airline said that as the 737 MAX accounts for around six percent of its flying, it has already adjusted flight schedules to April 30, covering 98 percent of operations. “There is a domino effect from removing the 737s from our fleet that impacts the schedule and ultimately will impact some customers,” EVP Lucie Guillemette said. “We have been working very hard to minimize that impact.”

To reduce the impact, Air Canada has replaced the 737 MAXs with similar-sized or larger aircraft, and extended some leases for planes that were due to leave the fleet. It is also accelerating the intake of recently acquired Airbus A321s from WOW Air and contracted other carriers to provide additional capacity. Some Air Canada Rouge regional aircraft have also been switched to operate mainline flights. The airline said it has had to suspend temporarily some services the 737 MAX was scheduled to operate. This includes flights from Halifax and St. John's to London Heathrow, and seasonal flights from Vancouver to Kona, Lihue and Calgary-Palm Springs. Customers will be re-booked on other flights. Air Canada has a fleet of 24 737 MAX aircraft, with six more scheduled for delivery during March and April. Boeing has suspended deliveries of all 737 MAX, although it is continuing to produce the aircraft pending a return to service.

--- Former Delta Exec Dickson Nominated to Head FAA ---

19 Mar 2019 Airwise

Former Delta Air Lines executive Steve Dickson will be nominated to lead the US Federal Aviation Administration, the White House said on Tuesday. If confirmed, Dickson will replace acting FAA head Daniel Elwell, who in turn replaced former administrator Michael Huerta when his term ended in early 2018. The nomination comes at a time when the FAA is under pressure over its approval process for the Boeing 737 MAX, after two of the relatively new aircraft crashed over a five month period.

The US Department of Transportation is planning an audit by the Inspector General's office of the FAA certification for the 737 MAX. Dickson is a former US Air Force pilot who worked for Delta for 27 years, rising to Senior VP flight operations. In that role he oversaw more than 13,000 pilots at the world's second largest airline. He retired from Delta last year. Subject to confirmation, Dickson will serve a five year term as FAA administrator.

--- ANA Takes Delivery OF First Airbus A380 ---

20 Mar 2019

Airwise

All Nippon Airways has taken delivery of its first Airbus A380, from an order of three the Japanese airline placed in 2016. ANA will use its A380s on leisure services to Hawaii, with the first going into service on May 24, the second at the beginning of July and the third next year. “We believe the A380 will become a game changer for ANA and will enable us to increase our market share by doubling the number of seats connecting Honolulu and Tokyo by 2020,” ANA chief executive Shinya Katanozka said. The newly delivered A380 has a blue sea turtle livery, the second aircraft will be green and the third orange. ANA chose Chihiro Masuoka's Flying Honu motif in March 2017 after a worldwide open design contest. It was one of over 2,000 entries in the competition. The design features the Hawaiian green sea turtle, a symbol of good luck and prosperity in Hawaii. The ANA aircraft livery represents the blue Hawaiian sky, the emerald green ocean and the orange of the Hawaiian sunset. Airbus said the ANA A380 livery is one of the most elaborate it has tackled, taking 21 days to paint a surface area of 3,600 sq. m. with 16 different shades of blue.

ANA's A380s have a 520 passenger capacity, with eight first class suites, 56 business class, and 73 premium economy seats on the upper deck. The main deck will have 383 economy class seats, including 60 couch seats. A couch has three or four seats, giving passengers the ability to lie on the seats by folding up the arm rests.

---Norwegian Air To Sell Five Airbus A320neos---

2 Nov 2018

Airwise

Norwegian Air Shuttle has agreed to sell five Airbus A320neo aircraft to pay down some of its debt. The A320s are currently leased out by the airline's Arctic Aviation Assets unit, and not operated by Norwegian. The aircraft will be handed over during the fourth quarter of 2018, the airline said. The asset sale is expected to increase Norwegian's liquidity by \$62 million dollars after repayment of outstanding debt. Low cost carrier Norwegian has expanded aggressively over the last few years and has outstanding orders for 65 A320neos and 30 A321neos, according to the Airbus orders website.

---JAL Pilot Ten Times Legal Alcohol Limit---

2 Nov 2018

Airwise

A Japan Airlines pilot has admitted to being almost ten times the legal alcohol limit at London's Heathrow Airport last month just before he was due to fly a Boeing 777-300 to Tokyo. First Officer Katsutoshi Jitsukawa pleaded guilty at a west London Court on Thursday to having a blood alcohol level of 189mg per 100ml. The limit for commercial airline pilots is 20mg per 100ml.

Jitsukawa was scheduled as first officer on JAL flight JL44 to Tokyo Haneda on October 28, but was breathalysed about an hour prior to departure after a ground crew member smelled alcohol and reported him. The pilot was removed from the aircraft and arrested. The flight left over an hour late after the incident. Jitsukawa was remanded in custody and is due to be sentenced on November 29.

---American Orders More E175s In \$ 705 Million Dollar Deal---

5 Nov 2018

Airwise

American Airlines has signed a firm order for 15 Embraer E175s in a deal valued at \$705 million dollars, based on list prices. The latest contract brings the total number of E175s ordered by American to 104 since 2013, Embraer said. The latest E175s will operated by the US carrier's Envoy subsidiary, with deliveries starting in 2020. American's E175s will seat 76 passengers, 12 in first class and 64 in the main cabin.

---United Takes Delivery Of First 787-10---

5 Nov 2018

Airwise

United Airlines has become the first North American carrier to receive a Boeing 787-10, the largest member of the Dreamliner family. United took delivery of the 787 at Boeing's Charleston, South Carolina assembly plant, becoming the first airline to operate all three members of the aircraft family, the -8, -9 and -10. The 787-10 is 5.5 metres (18 feet) longer than the -9, and can carry up to 440 passengers, 34 more than its smaller sister. United's -10s will seat 318, with 44 business class, 21 premium plus, 54 economy plus and 199 standard economy seats. The aircraft is expected to enter service on the Los Angeles-Newark route from January 7. United has 14 787-10s on order out of a total order book of 64 Dreamliners.

---Icelandair To Take Over Rival WOW Air---

5 Nov 2018

Airwise

Icelandair has agreed to buy WOW air in an all-share deal that would see WOW shareholders own 5.4 percent of Icelandair Group's stock. A group statement said the airlines will continue to operate under separate brands after the transaction, with the combined carriers having a transatlantic market share of around 3.8 percent. Icelandair sees the acquisition as creating opportunities for both airlines to provide stronger competition to carriers in the international market.

Icelandair Group chief executive Bogi Nils Bogason said "There are many opportunities for synergies with the two companies... The tourism industry is one of the cornerstones of the Icelandic economy and it is important that flights to and from Iceland will remain frequent." WOW air founder Skúli Mogensen said he is proud of the airline's success and development as a pioneer in low cost flights across the Atlantic. "A new chapter now starts where WOW air gets an opportunity to grow and prosper with a strong backer like Icelandair Group," Mogensen said. The acquisition is subject to a vote of Icelandair Group's shareholders, due in 3-4 weeks.

--- Two Singapore 787s Grounded Due To Engine Wear --- 2 Apr 2019 Airwise

Singapore Airlines has grounded two Boeing 787-10s after premature blade deterioration was found on some Rolls-Royce Trent 1000 Ten engines. The airline said the problem was found during routine inspections of its 787-10s and that until replacement engines are delivered, the aircraft would be removed from service. Manufacturer Rolls-Royce said that since entry into service of the Trent 1000 TEN, it had communicated to operators that high-pressure turbine blades in the engines would have a limited life cycle.

“Working with operators, we have been sampling a small population of the Trent 1000 TEN fleet that have experienced a higher frequency of flights at the upper end of their operating range,” Rolls said in a statement. “This work has shown that a small number of these engines need to have their blades replaced earlier than scheduled.” Rolls said that in anticipation of limited turbine blade life, its engineers have developed and are testing an enhanced version of the blade. The engineer said it will work closely with impacted customers “to deliver an accelerated program to implement the enhanced blade and to ensure that we can deliver on our Trent 1000 TEN future commitments.”

The 1000 TEN is an improved version of the Rolls Trent 1000 engine series, powering just under half of the 787-10s in service. The -10 is the largest of Boeing’s 787 Dreamliner range, seating up to 330 in a two-class layout.

--- Ethiopia Releases 737 MAX Preliminary Accident Report --- 4 Apr 2019 Airwise

Ethiopia's Civil Aviation Authority has released a preliminary report into the March 10 crash of an Ethiopian Airlines Boeing 737 MAX 8. The aircraft crashed into a field 28 nautical miles (52 km, 32 miles) southeast of Addis Ababa's Bole Airport, six minutes into a flight to Nairobi. All 157 passengers and crew died in the accident. The report highlights a number of issues on the doomed flight, including erroneous data from the Angle of Attack (AOA) sensors. Information from the left and right sensors, which are part of anti-stall equipment, differed dramatically at times during the flight. Airspeed, altitude and pitch values also differed between sensors.

After the autopilot was disengaged, the nose was pushed down four times without any input from the pilot. The flight crew tried to correct the trim to counter the automatic input, but were ultimately unsuccessful. Ethiopian Airlines said the preliminary report “clearly showed” that the pilots of the flight “have followed Boeing's recommended and FAA's approved emergency procedures to handle the most difficult emergency situation created on the airplane. “Despite their hard work and full compliance with the emergency procedures, it was very unfortunate that they could not recover the airplane from the persistence of nose diving. As the investigation continues with more detailed analysis, as usual we will continue with our full cooperation with the investigation team.”

The Ethiopian crash is the second involving Boeing's best selling 737 MAX range. A Lion Air 737 MAX 8 crashed off the Indonesian coast in October last year with the loss of 189 lives. Boeing chief executive Dennis Muilenburg said “with the release of the preliminary report of the Ethiopian Airlines flight 302 accident investigation, it's apparent that in both flights the Maneuvering Characteristics Augmentation System, known as MCAS, activated in response to erroneous angle of attack information. “The history of our industry shows most accidents are caused by a chain of events. This again is the case here, and we know we can break one of those chain links in these two accidents. As pilots have told us, erroneous activation of the MCAS function can add to what is already a high workload environment. It's our responsibility to eliminate this risk. We own it and we know how to do it.”The preliminary report comes after the flight data and cockpit voice recorders were recovered and the data downloaded from the damaged devices by French accident investigators, the BEA.

The investigation is being led by Ethiopia's Aircraft Accident Investigation Bureau, with the Ethiopian Civil Aviation Authority, the US NTSB as representatives of the state of manufacture, France's BEA, and the European Aviation Safety Agency as technical advisers. The final report could take up to a year to complete.

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**Next Meeting
May 7th, 2019
10:15 AM
SAN DIEGO AIR & SPACE
MUSEUM**