



# Vanguard Eagle

San Diego Chapter    February 2018

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*Happy Valentines Day*



## ---January 2nd Vanguard Meeting---

We had only 7 members total, attend our 2 January 2018 meeting, reflecting the declining numbers of our retiree members. Several of our regular members, including our president, Irene Garrett were in hospital care at the time of the meeting. Bruce Craig was hospitalized in preparation for heart bypass surgery. Tony Paradowki was moving to assisted living in Chula Vista. (Sadly he passed away on 7 January – see page 3) Bill Sherlock had just been released from the hospital but Gerry informed us that he had had a bad night and needed rest.

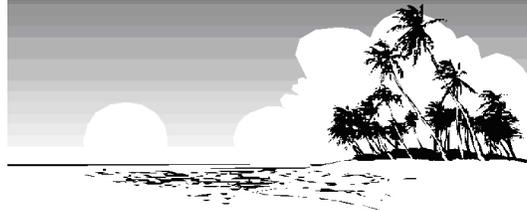
Those of us in attendance started discussing the future of our Vanguard Chapter. As in the much larger Los Angeles Chapter, we have no new volunteer members coming forward to take the offices which have been manned for many years by the same members. So we have to start looking at possible scenarios for the future of our Chapter. Disbanding completely would be the quickest solution to our situation but we are hoping for a less drastic course of action in order to provide a limited service to our members. In that hope, we discussed several possibilities:

1. **Meetings every other month instead of monthly** was put forward by Walli Stebel. So we could meet February, April, June, have our picnic in August, a meeting in October and a Christmas party in December. The January pause would give members time to recuperate from the holidays. We could still put out a monthly newsletter even if we only meet every other month.
2. **Leaving the Air and Space museum for a local restaurant with a private room.** In that case we would have to buy a breakfast or brunch meal ourselves. But we would no longer have to pay our yearly \$ 500 dollar fee to the Air and Space museum. Our picnic could still be held at the Gazebo on the bay off Interstate 5 where we met the last two years. The Christmas party could possibly be at a restaurant with reserved seating or private room. Marie Calendar on I-8 was mentioned in that context. That option would make it possible to cut our yearly membership fee to perhaps as little as \$ 5.00 yearly
3. **Eliminating guest speakers,** as it seems that no one wants the job of beating the bushes for volunteer speakers. Our limited numbers would now make it more difficult to find such speakers, as we now average about 20 members at our regular meetings. So the regular meetings would become more of a talk sharing meeting. It would catch us up on other member's situations and allow for review of changes in company policies or changes in governmental laws which might affect us.
4. Those were the suggestions that were raised and we will see what our president will suggest. Our **beach clean up** has also shrunk down to a very small number of attendees and last year we skipped several months. So that would be another topic to explore. We hope to go over the suggestions at the February meeting and will explore our options and perhaps vote on our future direction. It all depends on what the members want.

### **---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 20th 2018. 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, and to insure we have enough attending members.

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

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Happy Birthday **Vanguards**



Feb 1 – **Ron Burgess**

Feb 2 - **Cecil Goddard, Jim Wilson, Jeanne Welch**

Feb 4 - **Raymond Metcalfe**

Feb 5 – **Edward Dillon, Mildred Donley**

Feb 7 – **Julita Chabot**

Feb 8 – **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 19 – **Lloyd Davis**

Feb 24 – **Linda Steven**

Feb 26 – **Jim Donley**

Feb 27 – **Clara Stewart**

Feb 29 – **Dorothy Stey**



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



Jan 7th - **Tony Paradowski**

Longtime Vanguard member and faithful attendee Tony Paradowski passed away on January 7th, 2018 at Kaiser Zion Medical Center, Grantville 4647 Zion Ave. San Diego 92120. aged 85 years old. Tony was born in Chicago on 1 September 1932 and grew up and went to school in a south Chicago neighborhood close to Midway airport. He met his future wife Helen Seaman while attending High School. Looking for a nearby job, Tony started working for American Airlines at Midway airport, which at that time was the nation's busiest. But the call of adventure enticed Tony to enlist in the Navy, and he did a hitch for Uncle Sam. Returning to civilian life he resumed his career at American and married Helen in Chicago in 1952. They had two children and when the opportunity came, Tony transferred to San Diego with American. Both Tony and Helen were very faithful attendees at our Vanguard meetings. Helen passed away 9 June 2014 in San Diego, but Tony continued to attend our monthly meetings on his own, towards the end, with difficulty walking, using his scooter. Tony had done the mailing labels for our newsletter, until he could no longer keep up. His wake was scheduled for January 18, 2018 at Glenn Abbey Memorial Park, 3838 Bonita Road, Bonita, CA 91902, from 5 - 9 pm. The funeral service took place at 11 am on the 19th of January. Tony's son Thomas lives with his family at 5509 Amadita Ln, Bonita, CA. 91902-2201, and condolences can be sent there.

## Airlines Stepping Up Recruitment in Face of Pilot Shortage

**Boeing says hundreds of thousands of new pilots will be needed in the next two decades; Alicia Acuna reports from Denver.** You Tube 12/20/2017 | Staff. hakimi308 (Posted by)

It's a great time to be studying to be pilot. Just ask Madison Wolf who has only a year of training left at the Metro State University of Denver. "I've seen even just in the few years that I've been at it they've been offering more and more money," Wolf said. "They're just trying to get as many people as they can." That's because a shortage of pilots is already hitting some sectors of the industry, mostly small regional airlines and ultra-low cost carriers.

Aviation analyst Mike Boyd says the major airlines are only just beginning to feel the pinch. "There are restrictions, if you will, on how many pilots there are but it hasn't really hit home yet," Boyd said. "The real hit's going to be in the next three to five years." The Boeing Pilot Outlook predicts a need for 117,000 new pilots between 2017 and 2036 in North America alone. Worldwide, the demand for new pilots will be an astounding 637,000 during the same period.

"I see the pilot shortage myself," Wolf said. "We're so short on instructors sometimes. Every few months the regional airlines kind of come through and sweep out all the qualified instructors." MSU's Kevin Kuhlmann, associate chair of the Aviation and Aerospace Science Department, said airlines are going to aviation schools for new hires because they have few other choices.

"The regional carriers have started to enter into agreements with Collegiate Aviation Programs and entice students to come on board during their academic career," Kuhlmann said. "These kind of opportunities were not available five or more years ago." Kuhlmann said the major airlines have plans to do the same – recruit directly from universities instead of hiring from regional airlines or the military, both of which are trying to keep their own pilots from leaving.

Scott Frank just graduated from MSU and has already been tapped for an opportunity with a major airline. "I do have the United internship that's due to start in the spring. I can pretty much skip that regional area and just go straight to United," he said. Many, like Boyd, blame Washington for the dearth of qualified pilots. They cite the 2009 crash of Colgan Air Flight 3407 near Buffalo, which the National Transportation Safety Board blamed, in part, on pilot error.

Congress then upped the flying hours pilots needed to qualify to fly commercially from 250 to 1,500. "That sounds good," Boyd admits. "Politicians love it and they get all upset if you try to change it. But the fact is that wouldn't have prevented that crash because both the pilots (on the Colgan flight) had more than that." The Air Line Pilots Association, International says the 1,500-hour rule must stay.

"We shouldn't be addressing a safety regulation to mitigate a commercial market problem," according to the association's president, Capt. Tim Canoll. ALPA also denies there is a shortage of qualified pilots to begin with, citing Federal Aviation Administration statistics that show 9,520 new pilots received their Airline Transport Certificates in 2016, qualifying them to fly large aircrafts used by major airlines.

The union compares that number to another from Future & Active Pilot Advisors, which shows the major airlines hired only 4,113 new pilots in 2016. "There are twice as many pilots as there are jobs," Canoll said. "Those having trouble attracting that pilot to the job are the ones who aren't providing a living wage, a good work-life balance, a career progression and a good balance in benefits." Most agree that something needs to change.

### ---Qatar Airways Upgrades A320neo Order---

7 Dec 2017

Airwise

Airbus announced an upgraded Qatar Airways order, as the Middle East carrier swapped its existing 50-plane A320neo deal for **50** of the larger **A321neos**. The A321s, due to be delivered from 2019, are worth \$6.35 billion dollars at list prices. Qatar Air said in a tweet that it was “delighted to announce that it has reconfirmed and upsized an order to buy 50 Airbus A321neos.”

As well as the Airbus model switch, Qatar has opted for CFM International LEAP-1A engines rather than the competing Pratt & Whitney PW1100G geared turbofans in its previous order. The Pratt & Whitney engines have suffered a number of reliability issues which caused significant delivery delays for A320neos, although updated engines are now being supplied to Airbus and deliveries are recovering.

“To answer our need for growth and additional capacity, the A321neo ACF is a world-class choice for our passengers and for our business. Qatar Airways is the fastest growing airline in the world and with this aircraft we will operate the youngest fleet whilst delivering unprecedented comfort and services to our customers,” Qatar chief executive Akbar Al Baker said. The A321neo ACF (Airbus Cabin Flex configuration) includes door and fuselage changes that allow airlines to make better use of cabin space and provides additional fuel capacity for extended range.

### --- US-Bound Flights Delayed Briefly At Toronto Airport ---

13 Dec 2017

Airwise

A potential security breach at Toronto’s Pearson Airport caused delays for some US-bound flights from the airport’s Terminal 3 on Wednesday. Airport authorities said a “customs breach” was identified in the terminal and some passengers were required to be reprocessed through US Customs screening. The breach occurred around 15:30 (3.30pm) when a WestJet flight from Calgary deplaned passengers into the US side of Terminal 3 via an unsecured door. Arriving passengers had to be checked through US Customs before being allowed into the terminal. The Airport said the situation had been resolved around 17:00 (5pm). Pearson’s Terminal 3 provides US Customs pre-clearance allowing passengers to arrive in the US as if they were on a domestic flight.

### --- Delta Picks Airbus A321neo in 12.7 Billion Dollar Order ---

14 Dec 2017

Airwise

Delta Air Lines has ordered **100** Airbus **A321neos** in a deal worth \$12.7 billion dollars at list prices. The purchase agreement, which includes options on another 100 A321neos, will see deliveries start in 2020 and run through to 2023. The A321neo ACF (Airbus Cabin Flex configuration) aircraft will be powered by **Pratt & Whitney’s geared turbofan engines**, in a win for the United Technologies unit after a tough few years it has had over the engine’s performance and reliability. Delta said it will configure the A321neos in a 197 seat configuration, with 20 in First Class, 30 in Delta Comfort+ and 147 in the main cabin. Chief Operating Officer John Leahy said many of the new aircraft will be built at Airbus’s US manufacturing base in Alabama.

### --- Ryanair Union Recognition Averts Pilot Strikes ---

18 Dec 2017

Airwise

Ryanair has avoided pilot strikes over the holiday travel period after the airline offered to negotiate over recognition and unions called off industrial action. Ireland’s IMPACT union and its IALPA pilot branch announced the suspension of Wednesday’s 24-hour strike and said it would meet the airline after Ryanair “agreed to recognize the union.” Portuguese union SPAC has also cancelled plans to strike on Wednesday, with a meeting proposed for Thursday to discuss recognition. Unions representing Ryanair pilots based in Italy and Germany had already agreed at the end of last week to cancel possible industrial action after the low cost carrier’s offer. IMPACT said it would meet Ryanair on Tuesday evening, and hoped the suspension of industrial action would remove any uncertainty for passengers intending to travel on Wednesday. In addition to union recognition, Ryanair pilots are seeking collective bargaining agreements and some changes to contracts.

### --- Atlanta Airport Recovering After Power Failure ---

18 Dec 2017 Airwise

Operations were returning to normal at Atlanta airport on Monday after a fire caused a major power outage, forcing the cancellation of a thousand flights the previous day. The airport's biggest airline customer, Delta, cancelled 390 flights for Monday, after Sunday's 1,000 cancellations, and issued travel waivers for those affected by the delays. Hundreds of passengers that arrived at the airport on Sunday were not able to disembark, with some spending many hours onboard aircraft.

Power was restored to the world's busiest airport just before midnight Sunday after the outage which lasted almost 11 hours. Airport electricity supplier Georgia Power believes a failure of underground switchgear was responsible. The power company said the fire was located close to standby circuit cables and switching equipment, and damage to those cables resulted in the outage and loss of backup systems.

Delta cancelled all of its late Sunday afternoon and evening flights in an effort to reset operations for Monday morning, but were forced to cancel more services Sunday as many aircraft and crews were out of position. Monday's cancellations were all prior to 1 pm and no additional cancellations were envisaged.

Delta said in a statement that with a nearly 80 percent share of passenger traffic at the airport, it was closely engaged in the recovery efforts mounted by the airport, the City of Atlanta and Georgia Power. The outage was the second power-related incident to affect the airline in just over a year after a computer systems failure last year caused over 2,000 cancellations.

### --- Wizz Air Adds More London Luton Routes ---

20 Dec 2017 Airwise

East European low-cost carrier Wizz Air (Budapest, Hungary) continues to expand at London's Luton Airport with the announcement of three additional routes. Athens will be served daily from April 29, Reykjavik four times weekly also starting April 29, and Bari twice a week from March 25. Wizz will also increase flight frequency on its Luton-Larnaca service to 10-times weekly from September 17.

"The new routes announced today expand our network from London Luton to 45 routes to 22 countries," Wizz Air's chief executive József Váradi said. The new routes will "continue to stimulate inbound and outbound traffic and [we will] allocate capacity to cover unserved routes, further diversifying our network and consolidating our position at London Luton," he said. Wizz Air has announced several new routes from Luton for next year, and with the acquisition of take-off and landing slots from failed airline Monarch, will base seven Airbus A320-family aircraft at the airport in 2018. With the addition of the new routes, Wizz Air will offer 7.4 million seats from London Luton in 2018.

### --- Pegasus Converts 25 Plane A 321neo Option ---

21 Dec 2017 Airwise

Turkish low cost carrier Pegasus Airlines has placed an order for **25 Airbus A321neos** in a deal worth \$3.18 billion dollars at list prices. The order is a conversion of options entered into as part of a 100-plane deal the airline agreed in 2012. At the time, the order was the largest ever placed by a Turkish airline.

"We received the first aircraft of this order in Q3 2016 and now we have an agreement to convert 25 options into firm orders," Pegasus Airlines' General Manager Mehmet Nane said. "We will continue to grow our fleet one step at a time." The new order is for the Cabin Flex configuration, which makes better use of cabin space and offers greater under floor fuel capacity allowing a 4,000 nautical mile transatlantic range.

**--- flydubai Firms Up \$ 27 Billion Boeing 737 MAX Order ---** 21 Dec 2017 Airwise  
UAE low cost carrier flydubai has firmed up an order with Boeing for **175 737 MAX aircraft** in a deal worth \$27 billion dollars at list prices. The deal, which was first announced as a commitment for the planes at last month's Dubai Airshow, includes options for an additional 50 aircraft.

“This is our largest order in our eight-year history and our third order with Boeing,” flydubai chief executive Ghaith Al Ghaith said. “With up to 296 aircraft on order, we have become one of the world's top ten airlines in terms of order backlog.” flydubai first ordered 737 MAXs in 2013 and has already taken delivery of five from that order.

**--- Viva Air Firms Up 50 Airbus A320 Order ---** 22 Dec 2017 Airwise  
Latin American low cost airline group Viva Air has firmed up an order for 50 Airbus A320s, worth just under \$5.3 billion dollars at 2017 list prices. The order, for 35 A320neo and 15 A320ceo aircraft, follows a Memorandum of Understanding signed at the Paris Airshow in June. They will be operated by the group's VivaColombia and Viva Air Peru airlines.

“We are excited to continue expanding our successful low cost model and accelerate our growth throughout Latin America,” VivaColombia chief executive William Shaw said in a statement. Viva Air is a Panama-based airline group operating Viva Air Peru and VivaColombia.

**--- Royal Air Maroc Adds Boeing 787 Orders ---** 27 Dec 2017 Airwise  
Boeing and Royal Air Maroc announced firm orders for four 787-9 Dreamliners in deals worth \$1.1 billion dollars at list prices. Two of the 787s were ordered in December 2016, but weren't announced until today, the other two are new orders.

The four 787-9s will add to Royal Air Maroc's existing fleet of five 787-8s, and will be used to expand the carrier's international routes. The Casablanca-based airline operates a domestic network throughout Morocco and serves more than 80 destinations across Africa, the Middle East, Europe, and North and South America.

**--- IAG To Buy Air Berlin's Austrian Leisure Airline Niki ---** 29 Dec 2017 Airwise  
British Airways and Iberia parent IAG is to buy Air Berlin's Austrian leisure airline Niki for € 20 million Euros (\$24 million dollars). International Airlines Group (IAG) confirmed the agreement to acquire the insolvent airline, which will see it take on 740 former Niki staff and 15 Airbus A320-family aircraft. IAG will provide additional liquidity to Niki of up to €16.5 million Euros and establish a new Austrian subsidiary of its Spanish low cost carrier Vueling to house it. The deal also includes slots at Vienna, Düsseldorf, Munich, Palma and Zurich airports.

“Niki was the most financially viable part of Air Berlin and its focus on leisure travel means it's a great fit with Vueling,” IAG chief executive Willie Walsh said. “This deal will enable Vueling to increase its presence in Austria, Germany and Switzerland.” Niki ceased flying two weeks ago after Lufthansa dropped its offer to buy the airline from its insolvent parent Air Berlin.

The German flag carrier said it had become apparent that the European competition authorities would not approve Niki's integration into Lufthansa's low cost unit Eurowings.

Air Berlin administrators put Niki back on the block, attracting four interested parties including IAG and the airline's founder, former racing driver Niki Lauda. The other parties dropped out leaving IAG to negotiate a final deal. The acquisition is subject to regulatory approval.

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**Next Meeting  
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10:15 AM  
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