



Vanguard Eagle

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Have a Happy New Year



---The Vanguard 2018 Christmas Party---

It looks like we finished the year 2018 in good style. We had 31 members attend our Christmas party. Our thanks to Louise Oliverio for soliciting the large number of retired agents to attend our party. I hope they enjoyed their holiday meal as much as I did. Irene started the proceedings with a prayer and then mentioned the members who had made their final departure during this busy year of financial and political activity. One of our members even added the name of one that Irene had left out (Vinny Zelaskowski) and asked about the disposition of another retiree (Bill Karanfil) who worked with Vinny. I checked to see if there was an internet entry for Bill and found that Bill's son Erol, a pilot, now lives at the address which was formerly used by his father. But no mention of William living with Erol.

We had a fifty/fifty drawing and Louise Oliverio was lucky again and won it. We also had gift exchanges and hope that those who got a gift left with something they liked. The main part of the Christmas party is exchanging experiences and reminiscing with people whom we had contact with during our working years. We also exchange the latest non-rev horror stories. But we should all be thankful for having this wonderful benefit and hope that all of us will continue to be able to use these company provided travel privileges for many years to come. Below and next page: The party guests.



All those attending had a good time and looked great in their holiday attire.



Dear Vanguard Members,

The 3 Diamond Society will be hosting their 2019 convention May 27-30 in San Diego at the Wyndham San Diego Bayside, across from the Star of India on North Harbor Drive. They welcome any of our retirees to attend. Schedule of events and costs will be provided in February.

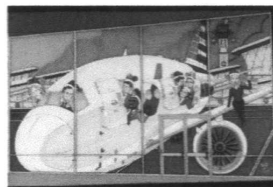


December 2018

We are extremely pleased to announce that our 2019 convention will be held May 27-30 in San Diego, California. It's a beautiful place, significant in aviation and US Navy history with a number of fantastic attractions. Our host hotel, the Wyndham San Diego Bayside, is excellently located and has offered us extremely favorable room rates for our dates and for the 3 nights before (Memorial Day weekend) and 3 nights after the convention.



Do block May 27-30 on your 2019 calendars and plan to be with us in San Diego. Detailed Conference information will be forthcoming in February but already one very special potential speaker has responded positively to our invitation. Please forward this email to any that you know that may have an interest in participating with us and having thirty or more years of service with American Airlines (including their years with predecessor carriers and/or related entities). The more the Merrier!



My warmest Holiday wishes to all Three Diamond Society members, to your loved ones and to all of our American Airlines family.



John Tippetts

President 2018-2019

Happy Birthday Vanguards



Jan 2 - **Richard Roberson**

Jan 3 - **Richard Smith**

Jan 5 - **Phil Cooper**

Jan 7 - **Rose Elrod, - Bill Lunt**

Jan 11 - **Ruth Annunziata – Anthony Mitchell**

Jan 14 - **Louise Oliverio**

Jan 18 – **Edward Gibson, Virginia Goddard**

Jan 21 – **John Bjork**

Jan 22 – **Rochelle Wilson, Mary Jane Delaney**

Jan 24 – **Laura Albo**

Jan 28 – **Sam Wilson**

Jan 31 – **Steve Jahn**



---Helpful AA Telephone Contacts---

1-888-207-2607

Jetnet Help

1-800-447-2000

Retiree Website Help (Through Employee Services)

1-800-933-5922

Flight Listings

1-800-447-2000

Employee Services

1-800-756-4882

A-9 Death/Other Emergency Passes

If you cant find the retiree website sign in page you can type in the following format into your browser:

<http://Retirees.AA.com>

Tony Paradowski left us information about a retiree website: **<http://www.amrrc.net>** This is a private website run by **American Airlines Retirement Committee** and it has a lot of useful information posted on its site for American Airlines retirees.

Vanguard Cities Website in Las Vegas

<http://www.aavanguardscities.com>

This site is run by the National Vanguards in Las Vegas and had sample newsletters of other Vanguard chapters posted.

---Airbus Delivers First A330neo To TAP---

26 Nov 2018

Airwise

Airbus has handed over the first A330neo to launch operator TAP Portugal, after delivery problems with the Rolls-Royce Trent 7000 engines powering the updated jet delayed its introduction. The A330-900 is the first of a TAP order for 21 of the type as the Portuguese flag carrier replaces older A330s over the next year. Part of the order will be TAP-owned aircraft, part leased from Avolon.

TAP's chosen configuration for its A330neos is for a capacity of 298 in a three class layout, with 34 business, 96 economy plus and 168 economy class seats. "The A330neo will give us a lot of operational flexibility thanks to its commonality with the other Airbus aircraft in our fleet," TAP chief executive Antonoaldo Neves said. TAP's A330neos have Airbus's Airspace cabin, offering more passenger space, larger overhead storage bins, new cabin lighting and an updated in-flight entertainment system. TAP will fly its A330neos on routes from Portugal to the Americas and Africa.

Airbus has 242 aircraft in its order book for the A330neo, 234 -900s and eight of the smaller -800. Although a relatively slow seller, Airbus believes the upgraded A330 will see an increased order rate as operators of older A330neos look to replace their fleet with newer, more fuel efficient aircraft.

---Adria Airways To Add 15 Superjets To Fleet---

27 Nov 2018

Airwise

Slovenian airline Adria Airways has signed a letter of intent for 15 Sukhoi Superjet 100s it will acquire under a long term lease. In addition to the new jets, Adria and Sukhoi will establish a joint venture maintenance and repair (MRO) operation for the Superjets at its Ljubljana Airport base. Sukhoi has orders for around 300 of the 100-seat jet, with about half already delivered, most to Russian airlines.

Adria airline's chief executive Holger Kowarsch said the decision to go for the SSJs followed a two year analysis, leading to "the conclusion that all the technical and operational characteristics of this aircraft would suit best for our strategic goals." Adria currently operates a fleet of 21 aircraft - three Airbus A319s, 12 Bombardier CRJs and six Saab 2000s on flights to 29 European destinations from its Ljubljana Jože Pučnik Airport base.

---Boeing delivers 2,000th Jet To China---

30 Nov 2018

Airwise

Boeing has delivered its 2000th commercial aircraft to China with the handing over of a 737 MAX 8 to Xiamen Airlines. Boeing's Chinese market has accelerated significantly over the past few years, with its first 1,000 deliveries taking four decades, but the second only five years. The US airframer said a quarter of its commercial aircraft production now goes to Chinese operators, either directly or through leasers.

Boeing SVP Ihssane Mounir said the company's industrial relationship with Chinese airlines "has been mutually beneficial, fuelling significant growth in Boeing's business, the US economy, and the Chinese aviation industry." China's commercial aircraft fleet is expected to more than double over the next 20 years, Boeing forecasts, and that China will need 7,690 new planes by 2038. That volume of business is valued at \$1.2 trillion dollars.

Xiamen Airlines chairman Che Shanglun said his company is pleased to be a part of the historic delivery. "In our 34-year history of operations, Xiamen Airlines has steadily grown, doubling our fleet size over the past five years and achieving profits for 31 years in a row. Throughout that time, Boeing has been a valued partner in our growth and expansion by providing safe and reliable airplanes."

Xiamen Airlines is one of Boeing's 30 plus commercial customers in China, in a market where Boeing jets account for more than half of the 3,000 jets flying in the country.

---Nordic Aviation Firms up Embraer E190 Order---

4 Dec 2018

Airwise

Nordic Aviation Capital (NAC) has ordered three Embraer (of Brazil) E190s, in a deal worth \$156 million dollars based on list prices. The purchase order firms up a letter of intent NAC signed at the Farnborough Air Show in July. The new order will join the 155 Embraer E-Jets the leaser currently owns.

---Avolon Signs \$ 11.5 Billion Airbus Order---

7 Dec 2018

Airwise

Aircraft lessor Avolon (of Ireland) has ordered 100 Airbus A320-family aircraft, in a deal worth \$11.5 billion dollars at list prices. The firm order is for 75 A320neos and 25 A321neos, with deliveries scheduled to start in 2023. The new order plus the 22 single-aisle and four wide-body jets already delivered takes Avolon's Airbus order backlog to 258.

The company's chief executive Dómhnaí Slattery said the order reflects Avolon's ambition "to become the global leader in the sector." "We continue to see robust demand from our customers for the A320neo family... Our order affirms our belief in the medium-term market outlook and the strong growth prospects for our business," Slattery added. Dublin-based Avolon is the third largest aircraft leaser. It is owned by China's Bohai Leasing and Orix Aviation Systems.

---Boeing Launches 777X Business Jets---

10 Dec 2018

Airwise

Boeing launched two new versions of its Business Jet series at the Middle East Business Aviation Association Show (MEBAA) in Dubai, based on the 777X airframe. The BBJ 777X has the range to fly over half way around the world without a refueling stop. Boeing says that is the longest range of any business jet.

Based on the commercial 777-8 and 777-9 frames, the two new BBJs will offer 11,645 nautical miles (21,570 km) and 11,000 nautical miles (20,370 km) range respectively. The -8 has a 3,256 sq ft (302.5 sq m) cabin, while the -9 is 3,689 sq ft (342.7 sq m).

Head of Boeing Business Jets Greg Laxton said the 777Xs will give customers the best space and comfort, allowing them to fly directly to their destination. It will redefine ultra-long range VIP travel, he said. At the bi-annual trade show Boeing was showing interior concepts from three design firms - Greenpoint Technologies, Jet Aviation, and Unique Aircraft Design.

At MEBAA, Boeing also announced a further order for its BBJ MAX family, taking total orders for the MAX to 21. The BBJ MAX is based on 737 MAX, offering a 7,000 nautical miles (12,964 km) range.

---BOC Aviation Orders Three Boeing 777-300ERs---

11 Dec 2018

Airwise

Aircraft lessor BOC Aviation has ordered three Boeing 777-300ERs in a deal worth \$1.08 billion dollars at list prices. The order hasn't been attributed to the leaser, but BOC Aviation revealed the deal in a Hong Kong Stock Exchange submission.

The three aircraft, which will be some of the last of the current 777 model to be produced before Boeing switches completely to 777X production, are due for delivery in 2020.

BOC Aviation is headquartered in Singapore and owns, manages or has on order a fleet of just under 500 aircraft.

---Airbus Delivers 100th US-Made A320---

11 Dec 2018

Airwise

Airbus has delivered the 100th production aircraft from its Mobile, Alabama assembly plant, an A320neo for Frontier Airlines. The A320 is one of an order for 100 of the updated single-aisle aircraft that Frontier has with Airbus. The order is part of a 430 plane A320neo-family deal with the airline's parent, US investment company Indigo Partners.

The overall deal was worth \$49.5 billion dollars at list prices. In addition to the 100 A320neos, Frontier will receive 34 A321neos. The Airbus delivery website shows Frontier has 30 A320neos already in service. The Denver-based ultra low cost carrier's newest addition sports two horses, Meadow and West on its tail.

Airbus Mobile is delivering four A320-family aircraft per month, with deliveries to eight US customers: Air Lease, Allegiant Air, **American Airlines**, Delta Air Lines, Frontier Airlines, Hawaiian Airlines, JetBlue Airways and Spirit Airlines. Airbus also assembles the A320 in Hamburg, Toulouse and Tianjin.

---First Look At ANA's Flying Honu Airbus A380---

13 Dec 2018

Airwise

All Nippon Airways' first Airbus A380 has rolled out of the paint shop in Hamburg, sporting ANA's new 'Flying Honu' Hawaiian sea turtle special livery. ANA has three A380s on order, and will be the first Japanese airline to fly the superjumbo when it is delivered at the end of March 2019.

The first aircraft, which has a blue sea turtle livery, will operate the Tokyo Narita-Honolulu route from May. The second A380 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 designs submitted. The design features the Hawaiian green sea turtle, a symbol of good luck and prosperity in Hawaii. The ANA aircraft colors represent 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. The aircraft will now go for its cabin fittings and final ground and flight tests before returning to Airbus Toulouse prior to the handover to the airline and its ferry flight to its new home. The ANA A380s will feature eight first class, 56 business class, 73 premium economy, and 383 economy class seats.

---Boeing Hands Over the 787th 787---

13 Dec 2018

Airwise

Boeing has delivered the 787th 787 Dreamliner to leaser AerCap, bound for China Southern Airlines. The 787-9, which has a commemorative logo celebrating the production milestone will join China Southern's existing Dreamliner fleet of eight 787-9s and 10 787-8s.

"Reaching this milestone delivery is a testament to our amazing Boeing team," Boeing Commercial's CEO Kevin McAllister said. "This delivery also reflects the special capabilities of the 787 Dreamliner." First delivered in September, 2011, the 787 family has flown nearly 300 million passengers on over 1.5 million flights, including more than 210 new nonstop routes.

"As one of the 787 launch customers and the first Chinese airline to operate the 787, we are honored to celebrate this important milestone with China Southern Airlines," Boeing SVP Ihssane Mounir said.

"We also thank AerCap for their large commitment to the Dreamliner. They continue to be a valued partner and we look forward to celebrating many more milestones with them in the coming years."

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**Next Meeting
JANUARY 8th, 2019
10:15 AM
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