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Welcoming Letter from the GMAA President, Mr. Marc Henderson



Blue Skies to all of you and welcome to our new newsletter, Wings.

This quarterly publication is designed to keep you informed about aviation issues from the airline, airport and aviation school perspective amongst the companies and individuals who comprise the Greater Miami Aviation Association.

In this edition you will find an article from George T. Baker Aviation School Principal Sean Gallagan. Principal Gallagan has been fighting hard to maintain a high standard at Baker in the face of trying fiscal times for the Miami-Dade School District of which Baker is a part. In the meantime he has managed to secure a MD-80 for his young charges to take apart and study. And, he is working to get another aircraft, a 737 to add to his growing stable of flying machines. And, he is planning to go nuclear with a Nike missile!

No active warhead for this unique piece to an aviation school, but unique for a school it soon will be. Aviation at the college level continues shine, making the future bright for the next generation of aviators. See the achievements by the Flying Lions of Florida Memorial University and students from the Miami Dade College Eig-Watson School of Aviation in the aviation school section. ALTA's Executive Director Alex de Gunten speaks of the perfect record flight safety record its carriers had in 2010 and the organization's sponsorship of the 2nd Aviation Safety Summit later this year.

On the airport front, read the Associated Press story about the Airbus380. Lufthansa will bring this massive plane to Miami International Airport on June 10 from Frankfurt, marking the fifth U.S. airport, by that time, to have regularly scheduled service by the A380.

Please note that you comments and articles about aviation are welcome. We want to hear from you. Submit an article or tell us what's on your mind aviationally to secretary@gmaa.aero. Keep your sights high and aviation achievements higher.

Marc T. Henderson | President | Greater Miami Aviation Association

MRO Madness in Miami! by Dan Sullivan



March Madness for college basketball is over but one of the most important aviation shows in 2011 is upon us. April 12 through the 14th brings thousands of the aviation industries finest to Miami. The scene is both exhilarating as well by Thursday, exhausting, and by Thursday night, the madness is subsiding.

The meeting site changes every year but it draws most all that work or are affiliated in the aviation business. It is branding, marketing, networking, deal making all rolled into one location.

The largest manufacturers and companies in the world and the smallest repair and overhaul shops will all be at the Miami Convention Center just a short walk from South Beach.

If you are looking for a specialty item regarding aviation, it will be at the convention Center.

You will find the CEO's, Presidents, VPs and VIPs you could not reach by a typical cold call. All will be selling and marketing their business solutions to all who pass by booths and displays that attract and dazzle. It is a learning experience to say the least and the latest and the greatest will be put on display.

The Technology and knowhow, with some of the industries brightest people are here to show you products and services that will save you money, enhance your business and bottom line.

The sales and marketing does not stop when the hall closes down. Companies will schedule parties and events, into the evening and by the end of the week, all will be glad they made it through the sometimes 18 hours each show day brings.

And, if your belief is that golf and business is truly a relationship sport, there is golf at the Doral on Monday to loosen up the long week ahead.

If it is aviation you fancy and the engineering that goes into flying machines, this is where you will find the who, and the what, that "keeps them flying". So enjoy, learn, network and develop your business, because it is another year and another city before the next madness comes around.

Bulls Shall Not Fear Tigers and the Dragons by Oscar S. Garcia



It is not big news that the Indian Tiger and Chinese Dragon economies are surging, aerospace sector included. They are regarded globally as the emerging forces to watch, contend with and especially in the Chinese Dragon's case, somewhat fear.

The United States' economy is usually the comparison benchmark, the economy at risk of losing its preeminence. The aerospace, defense and specially the air transportation sectors are oftentimes at the top of comparisons charts and the pinnacle of future "world dominance" discussions and analysis.

My opinion is: Easy Tigers...and Calm down Dragons! here comes the Americas, may we say "Bulls"? Apples to apples, one must measure China and India not only with the USA, but with "The Americas", in hemispherical terms, from Chile to Alaska. Doing so, an interesting picture emerges. The Americas is home to close to 1 Billion people and produces around slightly over 50% of the world's total GDP. If we look at growth, once the Latin American and Caribbean basins are added to the North American giants (Canada, USA, Mexico), we are talking 5-6% projected for the next 20 years on a mature and already large industrial base.

If we speak air transportation aerospace, defense and space sectors, we approach closer to the 60% mark in global GDP. In Layman's' terms; out of the roughly 2 billion passenger enplanements in the world, a little over 1 billion did so in the Americas. Out of the slightly over 41,000 air transport aircraft in the world, north of 22,000 are in the Americas. More than 75% of the general aviation aircraft in the planet are in the Americas. The list goes on!

So, what do we do now? Well, let's keep building Boeing, Cessna, Embraer, Bombardiers... make sure the grand LATAM airline merger happens, open wide the hemisphere's skies and keep outsourcing aerospace and defense south of Mexico, to Central America and all the way down to Chile. Like we say in Latin culture, be careful trying to outrun a big bull!

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Working for Safer Aviation in Latin America By Alex de Gunten



As Executive Director of ALTA, the Latin American and Caribbean Air Transport Association, which represents more than 90 percent of the region's commercial air traffic, I am proud to report that there were no major accidents or hull losses by ALTA's member carriers during the past two years. Clearly, we need to continue the positive trend.

In partnership with the ICAO Regional Aviation Safety Group - Pan-America, ALTA will be sponsoring the 2nd Aviation Safety Summit focused entirely on the Pan-American region. The Summit will present specific strategies to address the top aviation safety risk areas and provide an overview of the region's safety statistics and other RASG-PA initiatives to enhance flight safety.

The 2nd Pan American Aviation Safety Summit 2011 will be held June 15-17, 2011 in Mexico City, Mexico. For more information, visit <http://www.alta.aero/safety2011/home.php>

Miami-Dade College Experienced the 2011 State-of-the-art Ports Briefing



Eight students from the Miami Dade College Eig-Watson School of Aviation were invited to be guests of the World Trade Center Miami to attend the State-of-the-Ports Briefing on February 9, 2011. In addition to learning about Miami International Airport and the Port of Miami, the students had the opportunity to experience networking since more than 1200 industry professionals attended this event. Most notably, the students met Jose Abreu, Miami Dade Aviation Department Director; Frank Nero, President and CEO of the Beacon Council; and former Mayor Carlos Alvarez.

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George T. Baker Aviation School Goes Nuclear

If Baker Aviation getting an MD-80 and a 737 was not enough, they are now getting a Hercules Nuclear missile! Well, kind of. Baker Aviation will be assisting the National Park Service, U.S. Department of the Interior, on restoring a Cold War Hercules Nuclear Missile that will be put on display at a renovated NIKE Missile Base in Everglades National Park. The restoration project will take place this summer. Baker Aviation students and local business partners will work collaboratively in order to see this project through fruition. If you are interested in assisting with this project, please contact Baker Aviation.

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Lufthansa to introduce first-ever A380 service to Miami



Daily flights begin June 10th. Miami is the sixth destination for Lufthansa's A380 - New First Class cabin now available to Miami travelers.

On March 31st 2011, Lufthansa announced that it will be the first airline to offer scheduled Airbus A380 services to Miami with daily flights between Frankfurt and the "Sunshine State" beginning June 10, 2011. Flight LH463 will leave Miami at 16:10 and arrive in Frankfurt at 07:15 the following day. The return flight LH462 will depart Frankfurt at 09:55 and arrive back into Miami at 13:50. Starting immediately, these flights are available for booking on www.lufthansa.com with rates from Miami to Frankfurt starting at \$614 (one way fare based on roundtrip purchase, including taxes).

"We are extremely excited to introduce our new, flagship A380 aircraft as the very first in the Miami market," said Jens Bischof, Vice President, The Americas for Lufthansa. "I applaud Miami International Airport's management team for their determination to become A380-ready. We share in their excitement and are both committed to Miami's community of Global Travelers in both the business and leisure markets. Very soon, Europe's most highly regarded airline will serve Miami with the industry's most advanced aircraft to date."

"Lufthansa's announcement of the A380 coming to MIA is a pinnacle moment we have eagerly anticipated for many years," said Miami-Dade Aviation Director Jose Abreu. "We are honored to be one of the first U.S. airports Lufthansa has chosen for A380 service and we greatly look forward to welcoming the historic first flight from Frankfurt in June."

GMAA's Midsummer Golf Tournament

Greater Miami Aviation Association Midsummer Golf Tournament

Benefiting the GMAA-Batchelor Aviation Scholarship Fund, Inc.

Thursday, June 16, 2011

Registration Starts at 11:30 a.m.

Doral Resort and Country Club

4400 N.W. 87th Avenue, Miami, FL 33178

Awards for Hole in One, Closest to the Pin and Longest Drive

Bronze: \$650.00 | One Hole Sponsor, 2 single players

Silver: \$1,500.00 | One Hole Sponsor, 1 foursome, event signage

Gold: \$3,000.00 | Two Hole Sponsors, 2 foursomes, event signage

Platinum: \$4,500.00 | 3 foursomes, Signage on 1 hole-in-one hole, large event signage

Single Golfer: \$150.00 | Lunch included

Foursome: \$500.00 | Lunch Included