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As part of our commitment to excellence we are proud to welcome you to our company's newsletter.

At Precision Turbines it is important to us to create a newsletter that will appeal to the broad spectrum of clients we serve. We will continue to strive to bring you the most informative and up to date aviation news, and touch on a variety of topics such as, safety, air transport, flight instrumentation, and corporations. We are always open to suggestions, if there are topics you would like to read about, please let us know.

At Precision Turbines we purchase, sell and lease turbofan and turboprop engines, with special focus on the JT15D and it's upgrades. We are totally devoted to serving our customers in an honest and professional fashion. Our employees stand ready to meet your needs in these markets, and we look forward to putting our experience to work for you. We hope to hear from you. www.precisionturbines.aero

PRECISION TURBINES-SIERRA TEAM WINS NOAA CONTRACT

The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration makes a contract award to the Precision Turbines-Sierra Team to maintain Citation II aircraft. The Citation II aircraft supports the National Ocean Service remote Sensing Division (NOS RSD) located in Silver Spring, Maryland. The contract scope is for full maintenance support and includes all labor, materials, equipment, special tools and facilities to comply with all the Manufacturers Maintenance Manual requirements.

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AOPA ASKS CANADA TO RECONSIDER NEW ELT REQUIREMENT

Thousands of U.S. pilots could stop flying to Canada if transport officials go ahead with plans to require all foreign-registered aircraft traveling in Canadian airspace to carry a 406 MHz emergency locator transmitter (ELT), AOPA warned Canadian aviation officials. In formal comments filed Oct. 23 with Transport Canada, AOPA proposed an alternative—allowing foreign-registered aircraft to carry a 406 MHz personal locator beacon in addition to the 121.5 MHz ELT already installed in most U.S. general aviation aircraft..[Read More](#)

ECLIPSE BROKERING 28 DAYJET AIRCRAFT

Eclipse Aviation is the broker for 28 Eclipse 500 jets that DayJet, a Florida air taxi company, once used for service in Florida and throughout the South. The aircraft are in different stages of operational capability and all have between 150 and 450 cycles on them. They are to be sold as is, and that means you must take the DayJet paint scheme and interior. DayJet collapsed in September after failure to find the next round of \$40 million in funds needed to expand..[Read More](#)

RUSSIAN AIRLINER PASSENGERS SUBDUE DERANGED HIJACKER

Authorities Say Man Has A History Of Mental Illness In the second incident this month, passengers have foiled an attempted hijacking of another airliner headed for Russia by overpowering an unruly person claiming to have a bomb..[Read More](#)

BOEING WINS HUGE 787 ORDER FOM AMERICAN AIRLINES

American Airlines parent AMR became the third US customer for the Boeing 787 after reaching a purchase agreement with the airframer for 42 787-9s..[Read More](#)

ENGINEERS FACE THE LAW OVER SPANAIR MADRID CRASH

Two maintenance engineers and their supervisor have been charged with manslaughter by the Spanish judge in charge of the judicial inquiry into the 20 August Spanair Boeing MD-82 take-off accident at Madrid Barajas airport, in which 152 of the 172 people on board perished..[Read More](#)

SIERRA SUPER S-11 COMPLETES FIRST FLIGHTS

UVALDE, TX - September 26, 2008 - Achieving a significant milestone in their latest Williams re-engining modification program, the Citation S550-based Super S-II made its maiden flight at Sierra's Uvalde, Texas modification center. Taking off at approximately 4:00 p.m., the Super S-II test aircraft's 36 minute flight illustrated the dramatic performance improvements of the dual FADEC-controlled Williams FJ44-3A engines. Demonstrating extraordinary performance, the aircraft reached 18,000 feet in only 3 minutes and 45 seconds. Mark Huffstutler, Sierra's CEO and chief test pilot, exercised the Super S-II on its maiden flight, performing a variety of in-flight system checks. Tests included in-flight shutdown and restart of each engine, stalls and pressurization checks. After the flight, Mr. Huffstutler remarked, "This was a superb first flight - everything worked so well, it seemed almost routine. There is no substitute for sheer power - just what this aircraft needed to achieve its full potential." A follow-up flight on October 1 validated initial impressions. In a flight lasting 2.9 hours, the aircraft easily achieved a 43,000 ft cruising altitude and well over 400 knots true airspeed with surprisingly low fuel consumption. In fact, after nearly 3 hours in the air, the Sierra Super S-II landed with fuel tanks still over half full. Precision Turbines is an Authorized Sierra Sales Representative (ASR).

NTSB FINDS HIGH POWER, STOWED THRUST REVERSER IN FATAL LEARJET 60 OVER-RUN

Preliminary analysis of the right Pratt & Whitney Canada PW305A engine on a Bombardier Learjet 60 that overran the runway at Columbia Metropolitan airport in South Carolina on 19 September after attempting to abort its take-off indicates the engine was running at high power, but its thrust reverser was stowed. Killed in the accident were the pilot, co-pilot and two of the four passengers. The two survivors, popular musicians who had performed earlier at a concert, were seriously injured but are recovering..[Read More](#)

AIRLINES SAY HOLIDAY BOOKINGS ARE STILL STRONG

Minneapolis business manager Roque Rossetti plans to make his annual trip home to Sao Paulo, Brazil, for Christmas. The 35-year-old said the sagging economy gave him no second thoughts about shelling out \$1,200 for the ticket. "If I wait longer, I'd probably pay more, and I might not end up going," he said. But, he added, "I'm secure. I don't have kids or a wife. My house is paid for." Several carriers have said that advance bookings show their planes are expected to be as full as or fuller than a year ago over the late fall and winter holidays. [Read More](#)

GULFSTREAM SMOOTHLY RIDING OUT ECONOMIC TURBULENCE

Despite what General Dynamics chairman and CEO Nicholas Chabraja termed a "tumultuous period in the markets and dislocation in the financial services sector," its Gulfstream Aerospace division "had a terrific quarter." Thanks in part to higher sales and deliveries of business jets at Gulfstream, General Dynamics yesterday reported third-quarter profits of. [Read More](#)

GENERAL DYNAMICS TO ACQUIRE JET AVIATION FOR \$2.25 BILLION

GD reported that it has entered into agreement to purchase Jet Aviation in a cash transaction totaling. [Read More](#)

\$14M EXPANSION AT HAWKER BEECH INDIANAPOLIS

Hawker Beechcraft Services (HBS) broke ground last Friday on a \$14 million expansion of its aircraft maintenance facility at Indianapolis International Airport. The expansion will include a new 6,500-sq-ft terminal and a 40,000-sq-ft maintenance hangar with 20,000 sq ft of back shops and administrative offices.

Up to 50 new jobs will be created during the next three years, with the newly upgraded facility due to open in the second quarter of next year, followed shortly thereafter by 24-hour operations. The new facilities will include customer offices with computers, Wi-Fi, printers and telephones, as well as a new product showroom highlighting new avionics and interior products. HBS will upgrade eight other U.S. locations as part of a plan to provide "the industry's best customer support," said Bill Brown, Hawker Beechcraft president of global customer service and support. The sale earlier this year of Hawker Beechcraft's FBO network to BBA Aviation is helping pay for the maintenance division upgrades. "We have a commitment to extend our HBS service centers regardless of what is going on in the world financially," said a company spokesman.

GULFSTREAM COMPLETES TRANSATLANTIC FLIGHT USING FUTURE AIR NAVIGATION SYSTEM DATA LINK

Gulfstream Aerospace Corp., a wholly owned subsidiary of General Dynamics (NYSE: GD), recently completed a full Future Air Navigation System (FANS) flight across the Atlantic Ocean using Controller-Pilot Data Link Communication with Automatic Dependent Surveillance (CPDLC/ADS). The flight was the first of its kind for a purpose-built business jet. The CPDLC/ADS data link provides flight crews with direct communication to oceanic and remote-area Air Traffic Controllers. It enhances safety because it automatically reports when an aircraft deviates from its cleared altitude and route. It also provides meteorological data from the aircraft's sensors. [Read More](#)

TENTATIVE DEAL REACHED IN BOEING STRIKE

A tentative deal has been reached to end the Machinists strike against The Boeing Co., in its 52nd day Monday, that would give workers a 15 percent wage boost over four years..[Read More](#)

CESSNA BOSS SAYS COMPANY FACES CHALLENGES

Cessna Aircraft's chairman and chief executive has sent a memo to employees saying the difficult economy could create pressure on the aircraft company. Jack Pelton said in the memo sent last week that the full impact of the economy on Cessna in the short term is unclear, but there is continued pressure on financial performance..[Read More](#)

VIDEO OF THE WEEK: ONE-WINGED RC LANDING

Last week, we mentioned all the great radio-controlled flyer videos that have found their way to our inbox over the last couple of weeks. Just today we came across a new one (from AVweb reader Mike Whaley) that takes the cake. As Mike writes, making a successful landing with one wing is an impressive feat "in any scale."..[Read More](#)

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