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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

FIRST SIERRA SUPER II AIRCRAFT DELIVERED TO NEW OWNERS

The first delivery of a Sierra Industries' Super II took place this past weekend with a flawless flight from Texas to California. The inaugural trip, a non-stop flight from San Antonio to Northern California, occurred on Sunday and the delighted owners called to report an excellent flying experience. After climbing straight to FL430 in just 27 minutes at maximum takeoff weight, the flight arrived in California with 1.5 hours of fuel still remaining, despite a 50 knot headwind. General Manager Steve Guzek of San Antonio-based Flight Time Business Jets stated that the Sierra Super II is an excellent addition to their fleet of managed and Charter aircraft. "The decreased fuel burn and substantial speed increase improves our fleet capabilities, providing more mission options for our clients," remarked Mr. Guzek. "The new Williams engine technology increases reliability and safety and the added performance gives our clients easy access to thousands of airports all over North America." The Sierra Super II modification dramatically upgrades the Citation II's performance by re-powering the aircraft with Williams International's FADEC-controlled 2820 lb. thrust FJ44-3A engines. Williams' high-performance FJ44-series turbofan engines are currently utilized on more than 20 different business jet designs. Sierra Industries is the ONLY non-OEM company to receive FAA certification to install Williams engines on a certificated aircraft, with a

current offering of 6 different models of FJ44-powered aircraft. As of this writing, the company has numerous FJ44-powered aircraft in current production at its facilities in Uvalde, Texas, with an order book stretching well into 2009.

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CESSNA CITATION MUSTANG ACHIEVES CANADIAN, JAPANESE CERTIFICATIONS

Cessna Aircraft Company, a Textron Inc. (NYSE: TXT) company, has achieved type certification for the Citation Mustang from Transport Canada and the Japanese Civil Aviation Bureau, leading the way for..[Read More](#)

FAA ISSUES 737NG EMERGENCY FUEL PUMP SWITCH AD

US regulators last night issued an emergency airworthiness directive (AD) requiring operators of all Boeing 737 Next Generation aircraft to perform a wiring..[Read More](#)

DELTA AND NORTHWEST MERGING SLOWLY

U.S. air carriers Delta Airlines and Northwest Airlines are taking a step-by-step approach to merging operations, company executives said. Merging into one airline may take up to two years, the..[Read More](#)

BOEING 787 PRODUCTION FROZEN AS FASTENER ISSUE BITES

On-going replacement of thousands of Boeing 787 fasteners has frozen the production line, as the airframer conducts a formal assessment of the programme's..[Read More](#)

AIRBUS FORECASTING 800 NET ORDERS FOR 2008

Airbus is expecting to achieve a net order total of 800 aircraft in 2008, exceeding predictions made at the beginning of the year. Executive vice-president..[Read More](#)

THREE MAJOR AIRPORTS OPEN NEW RUNWAYS

Late last week, Washington Dulles, Chicago O'Hare and Seattle-Tacoma international airports each opened new runways, adding to 11 already opened during the Bush administration's tenure. The new runway at Dulles is its first addition since 1962 and brings the airport's total to four. At O'Hare, the new runway is just a part of a modernization project designed to provide the airport with eight runways in parallel configurations (it previously operated six intersected runways of seven total). In Seattle, the airport's third runway will allow for two-abreast landings in inclement weather..[Read More](#)

ECLIPSE GETS EASA CERTIFICATION

Eclipse Aviation got some long-awaited good news on Friday with the announcement that the European Aviation Safety Agency has certified the private use of the Eclipse 500 twinjet. The decision allows the company to sell aircraft in 37 European countries for private use. In a news release, the company said it hopes to have commercial certification (EU-OPS 1) in time for air taxi companies to start operations in 2009. Eclipse

spokeswoman Alana McCarraher told AVweb the mood at the company's Albuquerque headquarters is upbeat after a tough couple of weeks in which employee paychecks were..[Read More](#)

GA MANUFACTURERS CUT PRICES TO ATTRACT BUYERS

With many buyers putting their plans on hold in an uncertain economy, manufacturers are offering deals to tempt them into taking the plunge. "Turbulent markets may make today seem like the wrong time to buy an airplane -- [but] there has never been a better time to buy," said Diamond Aircraft in a news release this week. Any new owner of a new DA40 who takes delivery by Dec. 31 will get maintenance, insurance, fuel and flight training all free for a year, a \$13,250 value. U.S. buyers also can qualify for a special bonus-depreciation tax incentive that allows buyers to write off up to \$300,000 of the purchase price. Also this week, the U.S. distributor for the Euro-Fox light sport aircraft lowered its base price by \$10,000, to \$58,950. The company said the price cut is possible "due to the recent improvement in the dollar-to-Euro exchange rate." The two-seat EuroFox burns just 4 gph, the company said, making it an economical choice for the private pilot or sport flyer, and the wings fold back for easy trailering and storage..[Read More](#)

SLOWER BUSINESS TRAVEL THREATENS INDUSTRY TURNAROUND, ANALYST WARNS

A steep slide in premium travel could delay a much anticipated return to profitability for the airlines, warns analyst Henry Harteveltdt of Forrester Research. "I don't think 2009 will be the turnaround year," says Harteveltdt, who sees "a deeper falloff ahead for October, November and December." September's premium ticket sales were down 8% worldwide, according to IATA, while business travel declined 2% on lucrative North Atlantic routes..[Read More](#)

ECLIPSE FILES FOR CHAPTER 11 REORGANIZATION PROTECTION

Eclipse filed for Chapter 11 protection in U.S. Bankruptcy Court in Delaware Nov. 25, simultaneously announcing an agreement for the sale of its assets for a combination of cash, equity, and debt to an affiliate of ETIRC Aviation S.a.r.l., Luxembourg, subject to higher and better offers..[Read More](#)

AVIDYNE MLX770 APPROVED FOR GA FLEET

Satellite weather has become essential equipment for many U.S. pilots—and Avidyne's MLX770 two-way data link transceiver is meant to deliver similar capabilities overseas. Avidyne announced that it has received U.S. and European regulatory approval to install its Iridium-based transceivers in about 700 GA aircraft ranging from piston singles to pressurized turboprops..[Read More](#)

PILOTS BRING TOYS TO NEEDY CHILDREN

Pilots across the country are doing their part to bring holiday cheer to needy children, and they're inviting you to join them. Barnes-Westfield Airport in Westfield, Mass., is holding its Sixth Annual Toys for Tots Fly-In on Dec. 6. Pilots who bring an unwrapped toy will get a 20-cent-per-gallon fuel discount and 20 percent off a meal at the Runway Restaurant. For those a little further south, the Virginia Chapter of the Ninety-

Nines is hosting a toy airlift. Pilots are encouraged to put donation boxes at their airports. Volunteers will then fly all the new toys to Chesterfield County Airport on Dec. 13, where they will be collected by the National Guard for distribution to the families of military personnel and wounded veterans. Want to spread the word about toy lifts in your area? Got an idea for how you can use your airplane to spread holiday cheer? E-mail the details to epilot@aopa.org

AIRCRAFT SHIPMENTS UP SLIGHTLY IN FIRST THREE QUARTERS

Turbine aircraft shipments continued to be strong in the third quarter of 2008, but that strength is expected to erode as a result of the global economic downturn, according to the General Aviation Manufacturers Association. During the first nine months of the year, 2,977 aircraft valued at \$18.2 billion were delivered, compared to 2,918 aircraft worth \$15.1 billion for the same period in 2007. The growth was driven by jet shipments, which were up 30 percent over last year to 990 units shipped in the first three quarters. Turboprops also saw a nearly 14 percent increase to 341 units shipped. The news was less bright for piston aircraft manufacturers, who saw their shipments drop more than 11 percent to 1,647 units for the first three quarters of 2008, compared to 1,857 the previous year.

WAAS APPROACHES OUTNUMBER ILS, MORE PROMISED

The FAA has announced that LPV (localizer performance with vertical navigation) approaches now outnumber ILS approaches at airports around the United States, and the agency has committed to publishing 500 such approaches each year until all qualified runways are served. The 1,333 LPV approaches now in service at 833 airports are made possible by satellite-based GPS WAAS technology, which increases GPS accuracy and provides vertical guidance at low altitudes.. [Read More](#)

CESSNA TRIMS WORKFORCE

Cessna Aircraft has reduced its anticipated business jet deliveries for 2009. Cessna dropped the figure by more than 50 jets as customers defer deliveries, leading to a layoff of more than 500 workers, the Wichita Eagle has reported. Cessna also laid off 165 workers at Bend, Ore., where the company is manufacturing aircraft previously owned by Columbia.. [Read More](#)

PIPER TO REDUCE WORK HOURS

Piper Aircraft officials have told local news outlets <http://www.aopa.org/epilot/redir.cfm?adid=17634> in Vero Beach, Fla., that they plan to introduce a reduced workweek for some of their departments. The company hopes normal attrition and a reduced work schedule will soften the impact on the workforce caused by the current economic uncertainty.. [Read More](#)

VIDEO OF THE WEEK: WARBIRDS OVER THE WHITE CLIFFS OF DOVER

We didn't discover this week's "VOTW" in time for Veterans' Day, but somehow we think our readership will appreciate it anyway. Thanks to AVweb reader Ian Herron, who dropped a link in our submission box and drew attention to one of the best homemade music videos we've seen lately. Featuring a breath-taking locale, great airplanes, and

the timeless voice of Dame Vera Lynn, this one's a must-see. (Click through to watch)..[Read More](#)

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