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EMBRAER BREAKS GROUND ON FLORIDA PHENOM FACILITY

Florida Gov. Charlie Crist and local leaders joined Embraer executives this morning to break ground on the Brazilian aircraft manufacturer's \$50 million Phenom 100/300 assembly and completions facility at Melbourne International Airport. "Today's ground-breaking celebrates a milestone for Embraer by launching its first U.S. assembly plant devoted to the..[Read More](#)

BIZAY FLIGHT DEPARTMENTS LATEST CASUALTY OF RECESSION

Rodney Hamilton, the director and chief pilot of Ford's now-defunct flight department, summed up the state of the industry yesterday in two words: "difficult times." In the past week, General Motors and Ford Motor Company announced they were shutting their respective flight departments, and investors learned that Citigroup has put two of its jets-worth \$30..[Read More](#)

CIRRUS VISION JET COMES A LITTLE MORE INTO FOCUS

Duluth, Minn.-based Cirrus Design yesterday said it continues to refine the design of its SJ50 Vision single-engine jet and released more detailed preliminary performance and specifications numbers. To date, the Vision prototype, dubbed V1, has logged more than 120 flight hours, during which company test pilots have explored stability and control..[Read More](#)

ECLIPSE 500 OPERATORS DISAGREE WITH FAA AND CARBON AD

When it issued Eclipse 500 Airworthiness Directive 2008-24-07, which becomes effective today, the FAA asked for comments from operators. The AD limits the Eclipse 500 to a maximum pressure altitude of 37,000 feet due to “several incidents of engine surge” of the jet’s Pratt & Whitney Canada PW610F-A engines. The surge is due to carbon buildup on the..[Read More](#)

ECLIPSE PLAN APPROVED, FACTORY DOORS STILL OPEN

Just one day after filing Chapter 11 bankruptcy last Tuesday, a group of investors, including European distributor Etirc Aviation, received court approval to provide interim financing to keep the very light jet manufacturer open and its 954 employees working. The financing is intended to ensure Eclipse Aviation is a viable entity when its assets go up for..[Read More](#)

TURBINE DELIVERIES STRONG, BUT OUTLOOK WORRIES GAMA

The General Aviation Manufacturers Association (GAMA) released its third-quarter delivery numbers last month, and while shipments of both business jets and turboprops this year have set records, the organization is warning of rough skies ahead. “Notwithstanding these positive third-quarter numbers for turbine-powered aircraft deliveries, our industry is..[Read More](#)

QANTAS-BA MERGER FACES MAJOR HURDLES

SYDNEY (Reuters) - Qantas Airways warned investors its proposed \$5.6 billion (3.77 billion pounds) merger with British Airways (BA) faced major obstacles over the terms of the deal and stressed..[Read More](#)

BOEING HITS TURBULENCE WITH ENGINEERS AND 787

Fresh off a now-resolved machinists strike that cost the company an estimated \$100 million per day, and a prediction of layoffs in 2009, Boeing has now hit an impasse with 700 of its engineers and is expected to announce further delays for its 787 Dreamliner. The company has announced a halt to its contract negotiations with its engineers at the Wichita Integrated Defense System plant, where the company produces 767 tankers and E-737 aircraft. Some 20,400 members of the Society of Professional Engineering Employees in Aerospace (SPEEA) have recently resolved contracts, including 20-percent wage increases over four years. But at the Wichita Integrated Defense System plant, where Boeing saw third-quarter profits of \$845 million, up 4 percent from 2007, according to SPEEA, a different offer fell short. Fallout from the recent machinists strike is expected to result in an announcement of further delays to Boeing's 787 Dreamliner program. First flight of the aircraft was previously delayed until 2009 and first deliveries aren't expected by industry analysts until 2010 at the earliest. That's already two years late and cancellations, or order deferrals, may be coming..[Read More](#)

VOLUNTARY ERROR REPORTING DROPPED

Pilots at American Airlines, Delta (the nation's two largest carriers), and Comair have opted out of the Aviation Safety Action Program (ASAP) that allows them to self-report mistakes without disciplinary action, because it might not be working that way. Safety advocates believe the program has helped uncover and resolve potentially dangerous situations before they caused damage or loss of life. But according to The Associated Press, at American, the company has broken faith with the program's intent and has punished pilots who inadvertently allowed lapses in safety and then reported them through ASAP. So, the pilots, backed by the Allied Pilots Association, sought changes to

the program's language to assure their protection. Union representative Kevin Cornwell told the AP that his members will not accept a system that "labels our pilots as reckless." Meanwhile, a representative from AMR (American's parent company) has said management prefers to leave the provisions programs as is, saying that NASA's safety reporting system, ASRS, already addresses the pilots' concerns. The short-term result is lack of participation in ASAP by the pilots and a heap of criticism for both the airlines and pilots from a slew of safety experts.. [Read More](#)

CESSNA ISSUES LAYOFF NOTICES TO HUNDREDS OF WORKERS

Cessna on Monday notified over 500 workers that they have 60 days left to work, then they will be out of a job. The jobs are being eliminated at Cessna's plants in Wichita, Kan., and in Bend, Ore., where the Cessna 350 and 400 are built at the former Columbia plant. An additional 150 workers chose voluntary layoff packages. The company said last month the staff cuts would be necessary because some customers have deferred delivery for 2009, so the expected rate of production will have to be slowed. Cessna employs about 12,000 people in Wichita and about 420 in Bend. Hawker Beechcraft also recently announced a cut of 490 people, about 5 percent of its workforce; and Piper said it will reduce its workweek to save the company money but retain jobs. Mooney laid off staff last month, and Cirrus also announced layoffs in September, affecting about 8 percent of its workers.. [Read More](#)

JUDGES HALT SLOT AUCTIONS; DECISION A VICTORY FOR PASSENGERS, ATA SAYS

A three-judge federal panel has ordered the Bush administration to halt its planned slot auctions at New York-area airports until the matter can be fully argued in court. "This is a clear win for passengers, as the department was stopped from proceeding with an ideological experiment that would have resulted in higher fares, less service and a confiscation of airline property," said James May, president and CEO of the Air Transport Association. The court-ordered stay appears to run out the clock on the Bush plan, leaving its fate in the hands of President-elect Barack Obama and his still-unnamed transportation secretary. "This decision should buy enough time for the next administration and Congress to put slot auctions on the shelf for good and then craft a new, workable plan to reduce flight delays and give New York's airspace and airports the upgrade they need and deserve," said.. [Read More](#)

ARBITRATORS APPROVE PILOT SENIORITY LIST FOR POST-MERGER DELTA

The merger of Delta Air Lines and Northwest Airlines took a major step forward on Monday when an arbitration panel approved the new airline's pilot seniority list. Some 12,000 pilots from both carriers had earlier agreed to the binding arbitration, which goes into effect immediately. Separately, the International Association of Machinists is seeking to delay further.. [Read More](#)

DELTA GETS \$1B IN AMEX CREDIT CARD AGREEMENT:

Delta Air Lines said Tuesday it will get an immediate \$1 billion boost in liquidity as the result of the extension of a credit card agreement with American Express. In a statement, Delta said the immediate \$1 billion boost comes from a purchase of SkyMiles. The airline said it will receive an additional \$1 billion from contract improvements through 2010.. [Read More](#)

AIRBUS LEADS BOEING IN 2008 JET ORDERS

Strong November orders helped Airbus take a year-to-date lead over rival Boeing Co., pushing the European plane maker closer to its goal of 850 orders in 2008. For the

first 11 months of the year, Airbus booked 756 net orders, compared with 640 for Boeing. [Read More](#)

2009 GLOBAL LOSSES LESS SEVERE, PROFITS IN NORTH AMERICA

2009 will be a dismal year for the industry worldwide, though lower fuel prices will limit the damage of plunging demand. On Monday, an international industry group lowered its global loss estimate to \$2.5 billion, down from the \$4.1 it had predicted just three months ago. "North America will be the only region in the black, but the expected \$300 million profit is less than 1% of their revenue." [Read More](#)

FEDEX EARNINGS: A SIGN OF THE TIMES

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AMERICAN AIRLINES MRO AND AVIATION PARTNERS BOEING TEAM UP TO CERTIFY AND INSTALL FIRST 767-300ER BLENDED WINGLETS

"Once we install winglets on all of our current Boeing 737, Boeing 757, and the B767-300 fleet, we will be saving over 42 million gallons of fuel per year," said Bob Reding, American's Senior Vice President - Technical Operations. [Read More](#)

DOWNTURN HURTING FRACTIONAL JET OWNERSHIP

Fred Reid, once the top pick to head Virgin America, is now president of Bombardier Flexjet and its affiliate, Skyjet U.S. Though he insists fractional jet ownership is "a better business model than any airline," he admits that the economic downturn is hurting the business. "Some people are exiting the private aviation fractional ownership or branded card solution to go to retail charter, which is less reliable and slightly less expensive," he says. "Some are going back to commercial." [Read More](#)

BOEING TO ANNOUNCE SIX-MONTH DELAY ON 787, SOURCES SAY

Boeing Co. will announce later this month that deliveries of its 787 Dreamliner will be delayed by at least another six months, The Wall Street Journal reports. That would mark the fourth such announcement for the company's advanced jet, pushing the earliest deliveries into summer 2010 -- two years behind schedule. Ripple effects are being felt throughout the company, as projects such as the updated 747 are delayed because of resources devoted to the 787. Though a Boeing spokesman refused to comment, an unnamed source told the Journal: "The real issue right now is that Boeing wants to make sure it has a believable date before going back to the customers with more bad news." [Read More](#)

NO MAJOR CHANGES TO FOREIGN OWNERSHIP RULES; SAYS STATE DEPARTMENT

A U.S. negotiator is warning European carriers not to expect major changes to airline foreign ownership rules, at least in the short term. John Byerly said Thursday he doesn't think the U.S. will accede to European demands for liberalized ownership and cabotage rules in the ongoing "second-stage negotiations" to the original open skies treaty. A European official warned that the negotiations "have to succeed by 2010," or the whole agreement could be scuttled. But Byerly said he doubts that will happen. "In my way of thinking, it's just nutty to think we're going to take the whole trans-Atlantic structure down because one side doesn't get its way," he said... [Read More](#)

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