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PRESIDENT'S BUDGET KEEPS USER FEES IN SIGHT FOR 2011

Additional information on the president's proposed budget released May 7 defers aviation user fees for another year but does not rule out the imposition of the fees in 2011. The information released by the White House Office of Management and Budget maintains the current funding structure for the FAA through fiscal year 2010. It leaves unresolved, however, the issue of a footnote in the budget overview from February that proposed replacing aviation excise taxes with "direct user charges" starting in 2011..[Read More](#)

GAMA REPORTS DROP IN SALES

The General Aviation Manufacturers Association (GAMA) first-quarter 2009 shipment report posted deliveries of 462 general aviation airplanes. That's a 41.1-percent drop from the same period last year, according to GAMA. Billings fell 18.2 percent, to \$4.34 billion. The hardest-hit segment was piston-powered aircraft, which with 179 deliveries was down 55.1 percent from the first quarter of 2008, when 399 airplanes were delivered. Business jet deliveries, at 191 airplanes, were off 35.7 percent from last year's first quarter figure of 297 airplanes..[Read More](#)

RESEARCH BOARD FOCUSES ON FUTURE GA GROWTH

During the Seventh National Aviation System Planning Symposium May 3 through 5 in Pacific Grove, Calif., general aviation industry leaders, government officials, association representatives, and university officials looked beyond the currently bleak GA and economic circumstances to focus on the future. And the future looks promising..[Read More](#)

PIPER DEAL BROUGHT OWNER \$31 MILLION

American Capital says it made \$31 million on the sale of Piper Aircraft to Imprimis, although both parties have agreed not to reveal the actual sale price. American Capital first invested \$20 million in 1998 and then \$34 million in 2003 when it bought Piper..[Read More](#)

406-MHZ ELTS NOT REQUIRED FOR FLIGHTS TO CANADA, FOR NOW

For the time being, pilots who fly to Canada don't need to worry about being forced to upgrade to a 406-MHz emergency locator transmitter in order to continue flying in that country. Canadian Minister of Transport John Baird suspended the controversial rule that would have required all aircraft flying in Canada to be equipped with the 406-MHz ELT starting this year..[Read More](#)

HONDAJET DELAYED

Honda Aircraft Company, Inc. says that because of late deliveries of critical components, its HondaJet project will experience delays. The target for first flight is now set at January 2010. First customer deliveries are expected in the fourth quarter of 2011..[Read More](#)

ONLINE PASSENGER MANIFESTS REQUIRED FOR INTERNATIONAL FLIGHTS

On May 18, pilots who fly internationally will have to provide passenger information to Customs and Border Protection using a new electronic reporting system called the Electronic Advance Passenger Information System (eAPIS). Pilots must register for an online account and allow one week for the account to be approved. Passenger manifests must be filed at least one hour before departing or arriving the United States; however, they can be filed further in advance from home or wherever you have convenient Internet access. Arrival notification and coordination with the port of entry can be done over the phone. More about how the system works is available online and in [AOPA's issue brief](#). You also can call the experts in AOPA's Pilot Information Center at 800/USA-AOPA.

APRIL TRAFFIC DECLINE SLOWS, BUSINESS TRAVELERS OPTING TO PAY LESS

Analysts say the slower decline in airline traffic reported for April is largely the result of leisure travelers lured by rock-bottom fares. Lucrative business travelers have been slower to return, and some carriers say they have noticed more corporate travelers opting to fly coach. According to American Express Business Traveler, the.. [Read More](#)

AIRCRAFT MAKERS SEE FIRST SIGNS OF TURNAROUND IN GA MARKET

Some GA aircraft makers are turning cautiously optimistic amid signs of improved deposits and loosening credit markets. Cessna, Embraer and Gulfstream all noted such glimmers of hope in their first-quarter earning reports. "I can dare to say that we may be reaching the bottom of the [business aviation] situation," said.. [Read More](#)

TAX RELIEF BILL PASSES FLORIDA HOUSE

Aircraft owners living in or flying to Florida just came a little closer to achieving important revisions to the Florida tax code. On April 27, H.B.51 passed the Florida state house of representatives. The bill would grant a 21-day reprieve from the current 6-percent state sales tax on out-of-state owners of recently purchased (in the last six months) aircraft visiting Florida. Currently, aircraft owners can be taxed from the time they first arrive in Florida no matter how long their stay.. [Read More](#)

EMBRAER POSTS 1Q NET LOSS OF \$23.4M

Embraer posted a first-quarter net loss of \$23.4m, falling from its \$85m profit gained during the same period last year. Revenue fell 13.6 per cent to \$1.15bn during the period. Commercial aircraft deliveries dropped 15.8 per cent to 32 units while its sales fell 6.4 per cent to \$870.4m, the manufacturer has said it has incurred a number of deferrals but would not disclose the number, yet its delivery guidance for 2009 has slipped from 270 units to 242, with 115 commercial aircraft to be delivered. Embraer's firm backlog is now \$19.7bn, 5.7 per cent lower than the \$20.9bn it took at the end of 2008.

CESSNA'S COLUMBUS PROGRAM SUSPENDED, LAYOFFS ANNOUNCED

Cessna Aircraft Company has suspended work on its largest jet ever, the Columbus, in light of the continuing slump in the worldwide business jet market. In addition, Cessna officials announced a layoff of 1,600 workers, with an additional 700 to be laid off by mid-June. These are in addition to the 4,600 layoffs previously announced.

Columbus deliveries were to begin in 2013, but right now company executives can't predict the strength of the market that far ahead..[Read More](#)

BREILING ISSUES 2008 BUSINESS TURBINE ACCIDENT REVIEW

Robert E. Breiling Associates has published its 2008 review of business jet, turboprop, and turbine helicopter accidents. The 500-page comprehensive review contains synopses of 245 fixed-wing accidents and 180 helicopter accidents; 77 non-U.S. business jet and turboprop accidents are also identified by aircraft and operator..[Read More](#)

BRISTOW ACADEMY ACQUIRES SIX MORE HELICOPTERS

Sikorsky Global Helicopters announced delivery of six S-300CBi helicopters to Bristow Academy, a Florida-based flight training school. All six aircraft will join Bristow's fleet of 48 S-300CBi helicopters currently used for flight instruction at the company's three U.S. locations in California, Florida, and Louisiana..[Read More](#)

'OH DO SHUT UP' CRIES AVIATION INDUSTRY, AS US VICE-PRESIDENT TELLS THE WORLD FLYING IS NOT SAFE

A major PR boo-boo hit the aviation industry square across the face yesterday morning when Joseph Biden, America's vice-president, said in an interview on the 'Today' show that he would not want his family to fly, not just to Mexico, but at all.

"It's not that it's going to Mexico" he said, "It's that you're in a confined aircraft. When one person sneezes, it goes all the way through the aircraft."..[Read More](#)

OBAMA SEES BIOFUEL POTENTIAL

The U.S. has unveiled a major strategy to encourage the production of second-generation biofuels. As part of a range of measures, the Obama administration has instructed the Environmental Protection Agency, the Department of Energy and the Department of Agriculture to form a new Biofuels Interagency Working Group. The group will identify the policies required to drive the production of more environmentally sustainable biofuels. In addition, \$786.5 million of economic stimulus funding is to be made available to support research into second generation biofuels made from non-food crops, such as algae. The president has initially called for increased production of conventional biofuels and greater research into its potential environmental impact. The range of policies have been designed to steer a gradual shift of production from corn-based ethanol to second generation biofuels.

MAYORS TO OBAMA: HELP DEFEND BUSINESS JETS FROM PUBLIC CRITICISM

Mayors and other officials from cities in 14 states sent a letter to President Barack Obama calling on the president to use his "bully pulpit" to help counter public criticism of business jet usage. The letter describes how business jets became symbols of corporate greed after lawmakers reprimanded auto executives for flying on business jets to Washington when they came to ask for billions in taxpayer money, and it says..[Read More](#)

AT 92, FORMER WASP FLIES AGAIN IN P-51 MUSTANG

For the first time in 65 years, Violet "Vi" Cowden last week climbed aboard a P-51 Mustang, an aircraft she used to fly as a member of the Women Airforce Service Pilots during World War II. "It was unbelievable," the 92-year-old grandmother said of her flight from San Diego to Long Beach, Calif. "It's been 65 years since I've flown in that airplane, and when I got in it, it was like the 65 years had just disappeared." During the war, Cowden flew 19 different models of aircraft, delivering them from the factory to the military facilities where they would be based..[Read More](#)

BOMBARDIER EXTENDS RANGE ON GLOBAL 5000

Bombardier Aerospace has announced that the Global 5000 aircraft extended range option is now available at Bombardier Service Centers. The service bulletin regarding the 400nm (741 km) increase to the non-stop intercontinental range of the Global 5000 business jet was issued on April 21. The significant range extension will be obtained by increasing the Maximum Takeoff Weight (MTOW) to 92,500lb, allowing for a fuel tank capacity increase. The first installation of the service bulletin on an in-service Global 5000 jet was completed at Bombardier's Fort Lauderdale Service Center in Florida.

DALLAS AIRMOTIVE EXPANDS PW305 CAPABILITIES

BBA Aviation's engine repair and overhaul company Dallas Airmotive has expanded its PW305 capabilities at the company's Regional Turbine Center (RTC) located at Dallas Love Field Airport (DAL) in Dallas, Texas. The latest addition is the tooling and equipment to perform integrally bladed rotor (IBR) replacement on the PW305A used on Learjet 60 aircraft.

VOLVO AERO SERVICES TO DISTRIBUTE EMBRAER PARTS

The Brazilian aircraft manufacturer Embraer has established a four-year partnership with Volvo Aero Services, naming the company as an official distribution center for Embraer OEM aircraft parts. Based in Boca Raton, Florida, Volvo Aero Services will promote and sell spare parts as an Embraer outlet.

ECTS RECEIVES EASA CERTIFICATION FOR PHENOM TRAINING COURSES

Embraer CAE Training Services (ECTS) has received the European Aviation Safety Agency's (EASA) certification for Phenom 100 technical training courses. This is a key milestone for the joint-venture, which provides pilot and technical training to Embraer customers of the Phenom 100 and Phenom 300 jets.

NETJETS TO OPERATE THE DASSAULT FALCON 7X OUT OF LCY

NetJets Europe will be the first business jet company to operate the Dassault Falcon 7X out of London City Airport (LCY), it announced today at European Business Aviation Convention and Exhibition (EBACE), in Geneva. The Lord Foster-designed NetJets 7X provides the longest range and cabin size of any business jet permitted to fly into London City Airport," said Netjets, Europe's largest business aviation company. Effective immediately, NetJets Europe 7X customers will be able to experience the new service for flights within Europe and the company will soon be able to operate a direct

service for its 7X customers out of London City to North America and Asia. Last year, NetJets Europe flew almost 5,000 flights to and from London City Airport.

GENERAL AVIATION'S JOB LOSSES SPUR OUTREACH FOR AID

The letter released last week by 70 mayors and county executives sent to President Barack Obama began, "Recent negative press which has mischaracterized general aviation has created a poisonous climate for the aviation sector of our economy," but for some the message may prove too little and too late. Intended to show the..[Read More](#)

NTSB DETERMINE CAUSE IN ARIZONA EMS HELI COLLISION

The NTSB has determined, in the case of two EMS helicopters that collided near Flagstaff Medical Center last June, killing all seven persons aboard, that had the pilots "been more attentive and aware" and communications more thorough the accident could have been prevented. According to the NTSB, the actions of both pilots contributed to the accident that destroyed the two Bell 407 EMS helicopters while on approach to the helipad. The NTSB found that had a typical approach been flown by one of the aircraft, had either aircraft been equipped with a collision avoidance system (not required), and had required communications procedures been employed it is likely the accident could have been avoided.

F-22 ON CHOPPING BLOCK, JOINT STRIKE FIGHTER NOT

The Obama administration has taken a look and after production of 187 aircraft, "the administration proposes to terminate the F-22 Raptor program," and close the Raptor production line. The quote comes straight from the Terminations, Reductions, and Savings report offered up by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB). The Raptor program costs the United States about \$3.5 billion per year, according to the OMB, and the proposal would..[Read More](#)

COLGAN CURBS SPECULATION REGARDING FAA FATIGUE PROBE

The FAA is examining some Colgan Air crew members to determine if they exceeded flight-time limitations, but according to Colgan that examination is not in any way related to the NTSB investigation of Colgan Air Flight 3407 that crashed Feb. 12, in Buffalo, N.Y, killing all 49 on board and one person on the ground. The NTSB..[Read More](#)

LOPRESTI AVIATION SEALS DEAL FOR NEW FACILITY

While some aviation companies wait anxiously for the economic turnaround, other companies have found ways to benefit, and Lopresti Aviation is one of those. People who don't want to spend the money for a new airplane will spend to improve their current airplanes, chief operating officer R.J. Siegel told TCPalm this week -- and that's good for the company, which sells products that help boost airplane performance. But the company also has been working on a side project..[Read More](#)

COMPLIANCE DEADLINE NEAR FOR NEW DHS BORDER-CROSSING RULES

The FAA sent out a notice this week reminding pilots that the deadline is May 18 to comply with a new rule from the Department of Homeland Security that requires the pilots of private aircraft on international flights to submit reports with Customs and

Border Protection. The rule requires GA pilots to submit crew and passenger manifests at least 60 minutes before departure. The information must be submitted..[Read More](#)

NEW “ MISSING AIRCRAFT SEARCH TEAM” HELPS FIND LOST CESSNA 182

A group of volunteers who met while working on the Steve Fossett search in 2007 have formed an ad hoc group called the Missing Aircraft Search Team (MAST), and this week they announced their first recovery -- a Cessna 182 that was lost near Sedona, Ariz., in September 2006, with two souls on board..[Read More](#)

AVIATION SUMMIT FOCUSES ON FUNDING, NEXT GEN

About 200 industry leaders met in Washington, D.C., last week for the 8th Annual Aviation Summit. The summit, hosted by the U.S. Chamber of Commerce, brings together experts from government agencies, airlines and aviation advocacy groups. NextGen was a hot topic on the agenda, as was the future of aviation funding and the impact of economic uncertainty..[Read More](#)

BOEING, ROLLS-ROYCE, RUAG AND DEHARDE MASCHINENBAU PARTNERING ON OPEN- ROTOR TECH

Boeing, Rolls-Royce, RUAG Aerospace and Deharde Maschinenbau are talking about a collaborative research agreement to explore the potential of fuel-efficient open-fan (open rotor) propulsion technology for future commercial airplanes..[Read More](#)

FALCON 2000S GET WINGLETS

Aviation Partners tells ANN that both the FAA and EASA have granted STC approval for its High Mach Blended Winglets on the Falcon 2000 Series..[Read More](#)

AERION PROCEEDS WITH OEM TALKS, RESEARCH ON SSBJ

Aerion of Reno, Nev., today said it is proceeding with research in the development of its supersonic business jet while it continues discussions with potential manufacturing partners that would lead to a joint Aerion-OEM design study. Aerion's hope is that this design study-essentially the nine- to 12-month proof-of-concept phase of the program-would result..[Read More](#)

EMIVEST RESTARTS SJ30 PRODUCTION

Emivest Aerospace appears to be finally getting the SJ30 light jet program back on track since deliveries stalled more than a year-and-a-half ago. SJ30 S/N 008, the first aircraft built under the Emivest name since the Dubai-based firm became the majority shareholder of the San Antonio-based aircraft manufacturer last June, is slated to make its first..[Read More](#)

DELTA WANTS TO CUT PILOT JOBS

Delta is looking to reduce its pilots head count, the airline's pilots union says. The Atlanta Journal-Constitution writes Delta hopes to "cut pilot staffing by offering incentives for pilot retirements, according..[Read More](#)

AIRBUS CUTS SUPERJUMBO DELIVERY TARGET DUE TO CRISIS

European plane maker Airbus cut its 2009 delivery target for A380 superjumbos, the latest in a series of cutbacks, this time blaming the economic crisis and deferral requests from airline customers..[Read More](#)

EXCLUSIVE VIDEO: CESSNA MUSTANG DEMO FLIGHT – IS IT REALLY AS EASY TO FLY AS A SKYHAWK?

Almost. In this post-Sun 'n Fun video, AVweb reports that the Mustang's control forces and basic systems are so close to those of a heavy single or light twin that any moderately experienced pilot should be able to check out in it without breaking a sweat. And at 340 knots for 1,100 miles, we could get used to it, thanks..[Read More](#)

PRECISION TURBINES AVAILABLE ENGINE INVENTORY

JT15D-1A/B	PCE 77440	TSN 6085	TSO 97 HRS	For Sale
JT15D-1A/B	PCE 77459	TSN 2406	TSO 2406 HRS	\$149,500.00
JT15D-1A/B	PCE 77460	TSN 2406	TSO 2406 HRS	\$149,500.00
JT15D-4B-	PCE 102281	TSN 6650	TSO 3250 HRS	Available For Lease
JT15D-4B	PCE 102268	TSN 6497	TSO ZERO HRS	For Sale
PT6A-135	PCE 92091	TSN 7189.1	TSO 310 HRS	For Sale
PT6A-135	PCE 92093	TSN 7176.7	TSO 330 HRS	For Sale
JT15D-1A	PCE 76792	TSN 6717	TSO 3327 HRS	For Sale Or Lease
JT15D-1A	PCE 76802	TSN 6717	TSO 3327 HRS	For Sale Or Lease

RECENT INVENTORY

TWO JT15D-4	MID LIFE	TSO 1391.5	TSO 2308.2	For Sale Or Lease
TWO JT15D-4B	MID LIFE	TSO 1872	TSO 1872	For Sale Or Lease
TWO PT6A-41	MID LIFE	TSO 1600	TBO 3600	For Sale

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