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I hope you'll join us in being ever mindful, not just today but every day, of the courage and sacrifice on the part of our fellow citizens who are serving in trouble spots around the world. Vigilance, determination and selflessness—the core values that our nation's veterans hold dear—also apply to aspects of everyday life such as taking care of our families, and ensuring a safe operation. The brave men and women who risk everything for their fellow Americans should serve as an inspiration to us all.

On behalf of the Precision Turbines Team we would like to honor and remember those who have made the ultimate sacrifice in service to our country, so that we can continue to live as free men and women. We owe them a debt that can never be repaid but must always be remembered.

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### **SIERRA INDUSTRIES' RE-ENGINEED CITATION FLEET MARKS 50,000 HOURS OF OPERATION, 54 AIRCRAFT IN MODIFICATION**

Sierra Industries' 54th Citation retrofit with the Williams FJ44 turbofan prompted us to look at the modified aircraft fleet performance to date. Since Sierra's STC for the first FJ44 upgrade - the Eagle II - awarded in 2002, the fleet has grown to a total of 54 aircraft. The high-performance mix of Citation I, II and S-II aircraft have amassed a total of more than 50,000 hours of Williams engine operation with no mechanical problems.

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### **SEPTEMBER ON-TIME NUMBERS BEST SINCE 2003**

Major U.S. carriers in September posted their best-on time performance in six years, with more than 86% of flights arriving within 15 minutes of schedule. September's numbers marked an improvement over both the previous month and the previous year, according to the Department of Transportation. Meanwhile, extended tarmac delays plunged by 90% in September compared with August..[Read More](#)

## **FAA ISSUES SAIB ON ZODIAC CH601XL AND CH650 AIRCRAFT**

EAA Urgeing Owners To 'Not To Fly Those Aircraft Until Maintenance Completed' A note from EAA to ANN came today in which EAA they are urging owners of Zodiac CH601XL and CH650 aircraft to not fly those airplanes until wing maintenance is completed to comply with the FAA's Special Airworthiness Information Bulletin released Saturday..[Read More](#)

## **NETJETS COULD FLY TO PROFIT IN 2010 AS COMPANIES SPEND MORE**

Despite losing more than \$500 million in the first nine months of 2009, NetJets Inc. will likely return to profit in 2010 as corporations spend more on transportation and companies steer away from private ownership of aircraft, according to its owner, Warren Buffet's Berkshire Hathaway Inc. Analysts agreed that U.S. firms may turn to NetJets fractional jet ownership as the economy recovers, because, as one said, "it's seen as less piggish."..[Read More](#)

## **AIR CANADA: "THE WORST OF THE WORST IS BEHIND US"**

A stronger Canadian dollar boosted Air Canada to a third-quarter profit of \$277 million, but without the currency fluctuations, the carrier lost 19 cents a share. Revenue from premium-fare passengers was down 16%, and CEO Calin Rovinescu said the continuing weakness in business travel makes cost-cutting and code-sharing initiatives that much more important. "I'm certain there are challenges ahead," he told analysts. "But I think we've seen the worst of the worst is behind us."..[Read More](#)

## **CESSNA MARKET STABILIZING**

If you were waiting for used-aircraft pricing of business jets to bottom out, wait no longer. They are on the way back up, according to Textron officials. Used business-jet sales turned a slight profit for Cessna Aircraft Company this past quarter, and industrywide the prices for used aircraft are increasing..[Read More](#)

## **BA CABIN CREW EYES STRIKE OPTION**

Airline Wants Two Year Wage Freeze, Other Changes Unite, the union which represents most of the 14,000 British Airways cabin crew workers, says negotiations with the airline have stalled, and that it is mulling the possibility of a strike. The union leadership met Monday at Sandown Park Racecourse in Surrey to discuss a possible labor action..[Read More](#)

## **DELTA, AMERICAN STEP UP JAL COURTSHIP**

Both American Airlines and Delta Air Lines are upping the stakes in their courtship of debt-laden Japan Airlines. American is presenting regulators and management with a presentation on the "Oneworld Total Value Proposition," arguing that stronger ties could be worth up to \$100 million in cost savings and additional revenue for JAL..[Read More](#)

## **PHENOM 300'S PW535E ENGINE OBTAINS CANADIAN OK**

Pratt & Whitney Canada yesterday received type certification from Transport Canada for its new PW535E engine for the Embraer Phenom 300 light business jet. "This is a

remarkable milestone and comes 26 months after our first run of the PW535E engine,” said P&WC vice president for turbofan programs, John Wyzykowski. “The Phenom 300 program is progressing..[Read More](#)

### **CONTINENTAL STILL OPEN TO MERGER WITH UNITED**

Continental Airlines is keeping a close eye on Delta Air Lines' merger with Northwest Airlines, Continental President Jeff Smisek admits. Though the Houston-based carrier is currently happy to remain independent as a member of the Star Alliance, Smisek says he would reconsider a full merger with United Airlines if "Delta outperforms us financially."..[Read More](#)

### **P&WC CONSOLIDATING FACILITIES**

Pratt & Whitney Canada last month announced that it is cutting 410 jobs and closing its Longueuil plant near Montreal, citing the global slowdown in the aerospace market. It plans to eliminate 250 jobs by year-end and another 160 by the end of next year, when it shuts down the Longueuil facility.

### **SOUTHWEST PILOTS APPROVE FIVE-YEAR CONTRACT**

By a vote of nearly 88%, Southwest Airlines pilots have ratified a new, five-year contract with the carrier. About 93% of Southwest's 5,900 pilots cast their ballots following an unsuccessful ratification vote in June. "Our pilots are the hardest working and most productive in the business and deserve a contract that reflects this, yet is still in keeping with the current uncertain economic outlook," said Southwest CEO Gary Kelly..[Read More](#)

### **PIPER NAMES NEW PRESIDENT, VPS**

Piper Aircraft has shuffled the front office after the resignation of former president John Becker. Current CEO Kevin Gould will assume the presidency and that, along with some promotions from the ranks, seem to be in line with the new owners' plan. "The expansion of Kevin's responsibilities and the augmentation of his management team directly reflect the strategic investments we're making in Piper's future," said Stephen W. Berger, Piper's Chairman and Managing Partner of Imprimis..[Read More](#)

### **BLACKHAWK PUMPS UP THE CHEYENNE I**

Blackhawk Modifications Inc. of Waco, Texas, now offers an engine upgrade package for the Piper Cheyenne I twin turboprop. The modification replaces the Cheyenne I's stock, 500-shaft-horsepower Pratt & Whitney PT6A-11 engines with 620-shp PT6A-28 engines. Although capable of 620-shp, the new engines are flat rated to 500-shp. This means that they can continue producing 500-shp at higher altitudes than the originals. It also means better climb rates and less time and distance to climb to fuel-efficient cruise altitudes..[Read More](#) and Call [Precision Turbines](#) for your Cheyenne Upgrade

### **GAMA PUSHES NEXT-GEN OPERATOR INCENTIVES BEFORE SUBCOMMITTEE**

The general aviation industry, which each year contributes an average of \$150 billion to the economy, lost 19,000 jobs over the past year and among the industry's biggest coming challenges is the implementation of NextGen -- financial incentives may help,

says GAMA. The organization Thursday told a House Subcommittee on Aviation that steps necessary for putting NextGen in place "will be imperative in helping realize long-term safety, capacity, economic and environmental benefits..[Read More](#)

### **ANALYSTS SPECULATE ON MERGER PROSPECTS FOR US AIRWAYS**

With Continental Airlines holding open the possibility of a merger with United Airlines, American Airlines could be forced into a tie-up with US Airways, according to some experts. "I don't think it's crazy to speculate that if Continental and United got together, American would take a serious look at US Airways..[Read More](#)

### **FAA TIGHTENS RULES ON PILOT DUI**

The FAA has tightened up its treatment of pilots convicted of alcohol-related driving offenses. In the latest issue (PDF) of the Federal Air Surgeon's Medical Bulletin, AMEs are advised that first-time DUI and DWI offenders don't necessarily escape the agency's scrutiny as they have in the past. As noted by Aero Legal Services Under the new rules, anyone whose blood-alcohol content was measured at higher than .15 percent or who refused to provide a sample will automatically have their case referred by the AME to FAA headquarters..[Read More](#)

### **ATA SEES FEWER FLIERS FOR THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY**

The Air Transport Association has predicted a 4% drop in traffic for the Thanksgiving holiday period, citing consumer uncertainty spurred by high unemployment. "It is increasingly apparent that the economic headwinds facing the airlines and their customers are anything but behind us," says ATA President and CEO Jim May. But despite fewer travelers in the airport, planes are expected to fly nearly full following capacity cuts that are the deepest in more than 65 years..[Read More](#)

### **SMALL AIRPORTS GET BIG MONEY**

Small general aviation airports around the country have raked in \$1.1 billion in federal "earmarks" since 2001, USA Today reported this week. The earmarks are funds requested by lawmakers to support specific projects. USA Today says corporate jets, private pilots, and cargo operators like UPS and FedEx have benefited at the expense of taxpayers and the traveling public. NBAA, EAA, and AOPA were quick to respond. "Unfortunately, the vital contributions provided by community airports, and the millions of people who rely on them, were completely missing from your coverage,"..[Read More](#)

### **HAWKER BEECHCRAFT POSITIONED FOR GROWTH, SAYS CEO**

Hawker Beechcraft posted a net loss of \$683.9 million for the third quarter, but the company's CEO said the airplane manufacturer is "well positioned for growth." Bill Boisture predicted Hawker's revenue will improve in the second half of 2011 but said he will continue to cut costs until that point. Although the Hawker 4000 business jet continues to lose money, sales of the company's military trainers more than doubled from last year..[Read More](#)

## **GARMIN'S NEW TOUCHSCREEN PORTABLE GPS ARRIVES**

Although Garmin debuted the premium priced GPSMap 696 only a year ago, it's rolling out yet another new portable navigator model line this week at AOPA Summit in Tampa, Florida. The new product line is called aera, and although its features and capabilities are similar to the popular GPSMap 396/496 series, the aera line will have something entirely new: a touchscreen interface..[Read More](#)

## **LITTLE HOPE OF SURVIVORS FROM MIDAIR**

The Coast Guard Sunday called off the search for survivors of a midair collision between a Guard C-130 and a Marine AH-1W Super Cobra helicopter off San Clemente Island on the southern California coast. There were seven people on the Herc and two in the helicopter when they collided late Thursday in what witnesses reported was a ball of fire. "After an exhaustive effort with the intent to rescue, our hope has dimmed in finding any survivors,"..[Read More](#)

## **BOMBARDIER: MORE LAYOFFS IN STORE**

With demand for its business and regional jets still sluggish, Canadian aircraft maker Bombardier Inc. says it may need to cut more jobs on top of the nearly 4,400 workers who have already lost their jobs this year. The company's CEO, Pierre Beaudoin, said details of any changes will be announced before the end of January..[Read More](#)

## **FAA ISSUES MASSIVE PROPOSED AD FOR PIPERS**

"We estimate that this proposed AD would affect 41,928 airplanes in the U.S. registry," says the FAA in its move to prevent control wheels from coming loose of their control wheel shafts on certain Piper aircraft. Affected models are certain Piper PA-28, PA-32, PA-34 and PA-44 series aircraft -- all to be inspected at an estimated cost per aircraft of \$40 (that's \$1.67 million for the whole flock). The FAA has received two reports of control wheel shafts that were incorrectly assembled at Piper -- one that led to separation of the right wheel from the shaft and another that was discovered during a ground inspection..[Read More](#)

## **"CERTIFIED PRE-OWNED" IN THE LIGHT SPORT AIRCRAFT MARKET**

SportairUSA, distributor for Sting S3 and Sirius aircraft, announced Friday its new "certified pre-owned" light sport aircraft (LSA) program, offering used aircraft with a warranty, plus transition training. The company says the new program provides benefits for both sides of the buyer/seller coin. The seller, says SportairUSA, gets market exposure with SportairUSA standing behind the sale. Sellers also get free hangar space and, separately, deferred costs for maintenance and repairs until the aircraft is sold. Buyers get some assurance in that SportairUSA is putting its name behind the product in so far as the company will inspect the aircraft and make any necessary repairs with OEM parts..[Read More](#)

## **GAO REPORT ON SAFETY EFFECTS OF AGE 65 RULE**

Two years ago, when The Fair Treatment for Experienced Pilots Act extended federal age standards for pilots of large commercial aircraft from 60 to 65, it also mandated that the GAO report within 24 months on the effect the change had on aviation safety.

There appears to be little to report. The GAO collected FAA accident and incident data, plus NTSB accident data, from December 2007 (when the act went live) through September 2009. They then pored over it for a month. The result: "We believe the evidence obtained provides a reasonable basis for our findings and conclusions" ... "that no accidents or incidents resulted from the health conditions of pilots 60 years or older."..[Read More](#)

**F-35 JSF MAY BRING BUCKS FOR BASES, TOWNS, STATES**

The \$300 billion program that is the nation's coming fleet of F-35 Joint Strike Fighters has military towns across the country vying for the economic boon of base modernization and infrastructure that will arrive wherever squadrons nest. The U.S. Air Force is considering sites in Vermont, Utah, Florida, Idaho and South Carolina for operating bases; and Florida, Idaho, New Mexico and Arizona for training, according to Reuters. But the selection process now moves to formal environmental impact analysis and the communities' opportunities to provide input..[Read More](#)

**NETJETS TO LAY OFF 495 PILOTS**

The slowdown in corporate flights has forced NetJets Inc., which early this year initiated voluntary unpaid leaves of absence and early retirements, lay off up to 495 pilots early next year. NetJets currently owns more aircraft than demand warrants as business clients seek to cut expenses. The pilots could see pink slips as early as mid-January 2010..[Read More](#)

**LAWSUITS FILED AGAINST ECLIPSE AVIATION LEADERS**

Former deposit-holders for Eclipse 500 very light jets recently filed four lawsuits in New Mexico district courts alleging various wrongdoings by Eclipse Aviation executives before the company filed for bankruptcy one year ago. Named in the suits are former Eclipse Aviation leaders, including Vern Raburn, Roel Pieper, Peg Billson, Michael McConnell and Mark..[Read More](#)

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