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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.

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Q400 PITCHED UP TO 31 DEGREES BEFORE CRASH

The crew of the Bombardier Q400 that crashed in Buffalo on Thursday got a stall warning and the stick pusher engaged but still the aircraft pitched upward 31 degrees before turning almost 180 degrees and dropping onto a house in the Buffalo suburb of Clarence Center, near the outer marker for Buffalo Niagara International Airport. The sequence of events, which included a 45-degree dive with a 106-degree right bank ended 26 seconds later in.. [Read More](#)

COLGAN 3407 INITIAL CVR AND FDR DATA

The NTSB Friday announced that information retrieved from the Colgan Air Bombardier Q400 Dash 8 that crashed after a near vertical descent into a suburban Buffalo neighborhood indicates the crew was aware of "significant ice buildup" on the aircraft. Steve Chealander, speaking for the NTSB, Friday told reporters that the cockpit voice and flight data recorders were recovered in good condition and showed that the crew noted significant icing on the wings and windscreen as the aircraft descended through 11,000 feet -- and after the aircraft's de-icing equipment had been switched on. The NTSB has not confirmed de-icing equipment was functioning. Initial details of the crash's timeline show.. [Read More](#)

CIRRUS SHIFTS FOCUS TOWARD JET DEVELOPMENT

Under its new CEO, Brent Wouters, Cirrus Design announced last week that future workforce cuts are likely coming to the company, but its push for development of the Cirrus Vision SJ50 very light jet would help retain some jobs. The company is aiming for FAA certification of the Vision by year-end 2011 and is targeting a \$1 million price

point. Cirrus is currently holding more than 400 orders for the aircraft, each backed by a \$100,000 deposit. Its piston single production has fallen to..[Read More](#)

HAWKER BEECHCRAFT JOINS BIZ DEFENSE

Hawker Beechcraft has launched an ad campaign promoting business aviation but it's taken a different tack from Cessna's challenge to CEOs to keep their jets. Instead, Hawker Beechcraft is recommending CEOs to ditch their jets—and buy a King Air. "If the three Detroit CEOs had arrived in Washington in the Beechcraft King Air 350, they might have received a warmer reception from their legislative hosts," the company says..[Read More](#)

CESSNA FIGHTS BACK WITH PRO-JET ADS

Cessna, along with the rest of the bizjet industry, has been watching its orders tank in the last two months, and on Wednesday the company launched a counterattack to all the bad publicity that started with those auto execs flying to Washington, hats in hand, in their cushy corporate jets. A new Web site and an intensive ad campaign aim to make it OK again -- even imperative -- for the captains of industry to fly. "Today, we are demanding business leaders and managers work at their absolute peak to turn their companies, and our economy, around," said Cessna CEO Jack Pelton. "We think it's time the other side of the story be told..[Read More](#)

RESTORED TWO-SEAT SPITFIRE CAN BE YOURS FOR ONLY £1.5 MILLION

UK Auction House Offers Historic Aircraft Completely Restored And Airworthy Bonhams will offer for sale from a private source an airworthy two-seater Vickers-Supermarine Spitfire aircraft, estimated value pound1.5 million (over \$2.13 million USD), on April 20 at the RAF Museum, Hendon, London..[Read More](#)

REGIONAL JETS, TURBOPROPS FIND THEIR NICHE IN A WEAKENED ECONOMY

But Public Opinion Still Holds That 'Bigger Is Better' Despite a tendency for air travelers to prefer larger jet airliners, the use of regional jets and turboprops has grown in response to reduced numbers of passengers and increased fuel costs in an unsteady economy..[Read More](#)

AIR FORCE HANDS BOEING \$2.95B CONTRACT TO BUILD 15 MORE C-17S

5,000 Long Beach Workers Heave A Collective Sigh Boeing Company officials recently announced the receipt of a nearly \$3 billion contract from the US Air Force, awarded to build 15 more C-17 Globemaster IIIs..[Read More](#)

SWA FLIGHT RETURNS TO MCCARRAN AFTER ENGINE FIRE ERUPTS

With 118 Passengers Aboard, Plane Lands Safely A Southwest Airlines 737-700 enroute from Las Vegas' McCarran International Airport (LAS) to New York's Long Island Islip MacArthur Airport (ISP) last Thursday returned to its point of departure after developing engine trouble on climbout..[Read More](#)

OIL FUTURES SINK PAST \$36 A BARREL AMID NEWS OF GROWING STOCKPILES

Crude oil futures prices fell below \$36 in Wednesday trading as the Energy Information Administration reported a higher-than-expected stockpile of crude, which was up 4.7 million barrels for the week that ended Friday. Crude inventories have grown more than 30 million barrels in five weeks.

PRATT & WHITNEY TO LAY OFF 1,000 IN BUSINESS-AVIATION DIVISION

Jet engine maker Pratt & Whitney Canada said Wednesday it will lay off up to 1,000 workers in response to falling business jet orders. Spokesman Pierre Boisseau said the layoffs, which will start in a few months, represent about 10 percent of the company's global work force..[Read More](#)

FAA FUNDING DEBATE GETS UNDER WAY ON CAPITOL HILL

Passenger rights, airport fees and air traffic control salaries were all on the agenda as Congress opened debate on reauthorizing the Federal Aviation Administration yesterday afternoon. On the first day of hearings, lawmakers agreed that urgent passage was necessary, rather than another temporary extension of funding. Ranking minority member Rep. John Mica, R-Fla., said it was "incomprehensible"..[Read More](#)

BILL WOULD LIFT RESTRICTIONS ON TRAVEL TO CUBA

Rep. William Delahunt, D-Mass., has introduced a bill that would allow Americans unrestricted travel from the U.S. to Cuba. The legislation would also prohibit the president from putting restrictions on travel to the island nation unless a serious threat arose. President Barack Obama favored easing the travel ban during his campaign..[Read More](#)

INDIA MAY RELAX FOREIGN INVESTMENT RULES FOR AIRLINES

India has joined the list of countries debating lower barriers for foreign carriers seeking to invest in domestic airlines. "The government will decide very soon on allowing foreign airlines to buy stakes in domestic carriers," an official said Wednesday. Facing steep losses, Indian airlines have been lobbying for months to change current laws, which bar any overseas airline from investing directly or indirectly in an Indian carrier.

PROPOSED GA SECURITY REG CRITICIZED IN CONGRESS

The Transportation Security Administration's proposed Large Aircraft Security Program (LASP) also took fire at the Feb. 11 congressional hearing about FAA funding. Rep. Leonard Boswell (D-Iowa), a pilot and AOPA member, asked AOPA President Craig Fuller about the impact of the security program on general aviation. And Boswell opined on the unnecessary hassles and expenses LASP would impose. "We don't see any threats of the kind that are being imagined that produced this regulation," said Fuller. LASP would impose airline-like security procedures on any aircraft weighing more than 12,500 pounds..[Read More](#)

CONTINENTAL MOTORS RECALLS 9,600 CYLINDER HEADS

Continental Motors is making a voluntary recall at its own expense of 9,600 cylinder heads used on Continental 520-, 550-, and O-470 series engines. The recall was made when inspections of aircraft with 400 or more hours were found to have cracks on top and at the spark plug locations. All the engines affected are six-cylinder engines. Continental will pay for parts and labor and replace the cylinders over the next year..[Read More](#)

EMBRAER STILL GOING STRONG

While the rest of the world's aviation manufacturers are feeling the sting of the economic downturn, Embraer seems to be doing comparatively well. Embraer says it now has 850 firm orders, representing 44 nations, for its new Phenom 100 and 300 light jets. That's up from a claim of 800 orders two months ago..[Read More](#)

PIPER MAKES ADDITIONAL LAYOFFS

Piper Aircraft spokesman Mark Miller said the company laid off 300 workers Feb. 10 after further deterioration in aircraft sales, leaving the company with a workforce of 650. In addition, Piper will shut down operations for two weeks without pay; one of the weeks is in April and the other is in July. The entire company, from executives to hourly workers, is affected. [Read More](#)

FULLER TO SPEAK AT WOMEN IN AVIATION CONFERENCE

Holding true to his promise to get out into the community and meet members where they live, AOPA President Craig Fuller will be speaking at the Women in Aviation Conference in Atlanta on Saturday, Feb. 28, at 9 a.m. Fuller will focus on challenges and opportunities in general aviation, specifically on growth opportunities in which women and minorities play a key role. During the conference, AOPA Air Safety Foundation Manager of Safety Education Kathleen Vasconcelos will present the "Top 5 Mistakes Pilots Make" seminar at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 26.

Also on Thursday, AOPA and the University Aviation Association will host a college/university student seminar and social. The conference will be at the Hyatt Regency Atlanta. To register, see the [WAI Web site](#)

NTSB IDENTIFIES CANADA GEESE IN US AIRWAYS INCIDENT

The remains of Canada geese were found inside the engines of Flight 1549, the plane that crash-landed in the Hudson River in January following a bird strike and loss of engine thrust, federal investigators said yesterday. A DNA analysis done by scientists with the Smithsonian Institution's Feather Identification Laboratory identified the remains as *Branta canadensis* - Canada geese, according to the National Transportation Safety Board. [Read More](#)

BILL WOULD TIGHTEN RESTRICTIONS ON FOREIGN OWNERSHIP OF AIRLINES

The chairman of the U.S. House Transportation Committee is moving to tighten restrictions on foreign ownership of U.S. airlines, threatening to undermine talks on a trans-Atlantic aviation pact between the U.S. and the European Union. [Read More](#)

FAA RELEASES TRANSCRIPT OF FLIGHT 1459 DITCHING

Ever since the ditching of US Airways Flight 1549, pilots have applauded Capt. Chesley B. "Sully" Sullenberger for his successful Jan. 15 landing on the Hudson River, but some have asked why he didn't land at La Guardia when a bird strike shortly after departure left him with two dead engines. The FAA released audio and print transcripts of the event, which give pilots a glimpse at the decisions Sullenberger had to make in a matter of seconds. [Read More](#)

HAWKER BEECHCRAFT LAYS OFF 2,300

Hawker Beechcraft Chairman and CEO Jim Schuster has notified employees that the company will reduce its workforce by 2,300 employees before the end of the year. The action follows similar layoff announcements throughout the aircraft manufacturing industry. Schuster said he can't commit to his employees that this is the final action, given the "extreme volatility in the marketplace." [Read More](#)

ADAM AIRCRAFT HALTS TEST FLIGHTS

The Adam A700 business jet, now owned by a group of Moscow investors under the name of AAI Acquisition, is no longer making test flights while new investment money

is sought. AAI Vice President Steve Patrick said the company is open to either acquiring a new partner or selling the company outright..[Read More](#)

FAA REMINDS CESSNA OPERATORS TO COMPLY WITH SEAT AD

The FAA this week issued an urgent reminder to Cessna owners, inspectors, operators, and maintenance technicians to inspect their airplanes' seat tracks and make repairs as needed..[Read More](#)

FAA TO ESTABLISH PRESIDENTIAL TFR OVER CHICAGO

President Barack Obama will be returning to Chicago for the first time since being sworn in as president and that means pilots flying in the area will have to be aware of new flight restrictions impacting one of the nation's busiest chunks of airspace..[Read More](#)

PRECISION TURBINES AVAILABLE ENGINE INVENTORY

JT15D-1A/B PCE 77459	TSN 2406	TSO 2406 HRS	For Sale
JT15D-1A/B PCE 77460	TSN 2407	TSO 2406 HRS	For Sale
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

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