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From the President's Desk

I would like to begin by thanking everyone who came out to AMCO's annual Airfield Workshop, recently held in London, ON. We had a great turnout; over 65 people were in attendance for this free workshop. We were really pleased to see the quality of presentations that were given, and the networking and sharing taking place around the room. Transport Canada also added to the excitement with their day long presentation on Quality Assurance leading up to the workshop. It is great to see the support that AMCO gets for the programs that we run, including the support from host airports such as London International Airport, which hosted an evening reception and dinner that rivals those we organize at conventions. Congratulations go out to Red Lake Airport who is the winner of the free online training session. The contest closed April 30, and all who had purchased online training from the AMCO Portal were entered into the draw.

Over the past few months we have been able to provide training for the TP312 5th Edition, as well as Airport Wildlife training in several locations around the province. We have had great response to these courses and are very pleased to be able to fill this need for our member airports. Coming up over the next few months we will be offering AMSCRs training in both Northeastern and Northwestern Ontario and SMS Training in Northeastern Ontario. There has been great initial response for these courses and we can only imagine that they are going to be great! If you have any training needs please let us know and we will do our best to help fill the gap.

This summer is sure to "fly by". Many of the province's airports and aerodromes are hosting fly-ins or other aviation events. We are excited by the number of events that will be happening, and before you know it the 29th Annual Convention and 17th Annual Trade Show will be here. The convention will be held October 5-7 at the Valhalla Inn in Thunder Bay. Our convention host, Thunder Bay International Airport, is working alongside other airports in the northwest region to develop a great slate of presentations, exercises, and networking opportunities. With participation from several Northwestern Ontario airports, local First Nations, and others we are anticipating a fantastic event. To register, simply contact Laura McNeice, AMCO's newly hired Association Coordinator, for a registration form at laura.mcneice@amco.on.ca.

In the meantime, please enjoy Volume 3 Issue 2 of "The Airport Environment and You." The distribution of our quarterly E-Zine has continued to grow to entail a national readership. We are excited by all of the possibilities for reaching our membership and all of our readers with new insights and ideas, and news from aviation. To help support the continuation of this initiative, we always encourage AMCO member businesses to sponsor ads in the publication.

I wish to thank all members for renewing their AMCO membership. Your dedication to our association is greatly appreciated. Lastly, I am pleased to welcome our newest business members Maple Reinders and HUB International. I wish everyone a great summer season.

Highest Regards,

Levy Bos

Terry Bos, BBA, CM

President, Airport Management Council of Ontario CEO, Sault Ste. Marie Airport Development Corporation

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Sky's The Limit At Oshawa Women In Aviation Event

Original Article By: Parvaneh Pessian, Oshawa This Week

http://news.amco.on.ca/OshawaInternationalWomensDay

Dozens of females from across Durham and the GTA celebrated International Women's Day on March 8 by soaring to great heights. The First Canadian Ninety-Nines and Enterprise Airlines hosted Girls Flying Girls at the Oshawa Municipal Airport during Women of Aviation Worldwide Week. In addition to learning about aviation career opportunities, some of the participants also got a free flight in a small airplane.

The event allowed participants to interact with women in aviation, including rocket scientist Natalie Panek of Calgary who works as a systems engineer and robotics operator at MDA Space Missions. She encouraged girls at the event to "dive head-on into uncomfortable situations" and take risks to achieve their goals.

Bearskin Airlines Discontinued Service from Waterloo Region Airport

Original Article By: KW Now! Local News March 25, 2014

http://news.amco.on.ca/bearskinairlinesdiscontinuedservices

It's been a good run but clearly not profitable for Bearskin Airlines. As of April 1st, the "Bear will not take you there" anymore. (As their slogan says.)

Effective April 1, 2014, Bearskin Airlines will terminate all scheduled air service to The Region of Waterloo International Airport and to The Ottawa International Airport.

This discontinuance of service will affect passengers booked to travel on or after April 1, 2014 between the following cities.

- Ottawa-Kitchener/Waterloo
- Ottawa-North Bay
- Ottawa-Sudbury
- Ottawa-Sault Ste Marie
- Ottawa-Timmins
- Ottawa-Kapuskasing
- Ottawa-Thunder Bay and/or point west of Thunder Bay

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Fourth Tenant Arrives at North Bay Business Park

Original Article by: Ian Ross Northern Ontario Business March 6, 2014

http://news.amco.on.ca/fourthtenantarrivesnorthbay



Comsatec, a Callander-based energy management firm, is joining the parade of companies heading up to the new business park at North Bay's Jack Garland Airport.

The company will build a 20,000-squarefoot hangar this spring to provide leasing space opportunities for aircraft.

The pre-engineered building has been purchased and Don Seguin Contracting of North Bay will be erecting the hangar once the ground thaws, likely April 1.

Waque figures it will be available for leasing by early August.

The project represents a \$2.5-million investment for Comsatec with a possibility of a further \$1 million contribution coming from the province.

Jack Garland Airport has become a major economic driver in North Bay in hosting more than 30 businesses and government operations with a permanent and seasonal workforce of as many as 500.

Funding for Kenora's Airport

Original Article By: Brenden Harris KenoraOnline, Feb. 19, 2014

http://news.amco.on.ca/fundingkenorasairport

The federal government has provided a financial boost to the Kenora Airport Authority. They've announced \$36,750 for a runway condition reporting system. Minister of State for Science and Technology, and the minister in charge of FedNor, Greg Rickford, made the announcement Tuesday. He says the technology will assist pilots looking to land at the facility.

"Today, I announced state of the art technology that will allow a computerized apparatus in a vehicle to go and drive along the runway surface and provide immediate information on the conditions of the runway --the wind, ice and all of the other things that a pilot goes through in his decision as to landing-- immediately," he said.

He says the technology will help ensure safety for residents and tourists by keeping the pilots informed of the runway conditions. He notes this has been one of multiple funding announcements from the federal government for the Kenora airport.







Safety Investment at Region of Waterloo International Airport-Enhancing Safety in Ontario

Original Article: Feb. 20, 2014, waterlooairport.ca http://news.amco.on.ca/safetyinvestmentatwaterloo

The Government of Canada is investing \$27,215 from the Airports Capital Assistance Program (ACAP) for the purchase of a runway condition reporting system which will provide timely, accurate and precise wireless reporting and recording of runway conditions.

"The Region of Waterloo International Airport is a vital gateway for local residents, businesses, trade and tourism. This funding will enhance the safety of all those who use this airport, especially the communities and businesses in this region that rely on it." Harold Albrecht, Member of Parliament for Kitchener—Conestoga, on behalf of the Honourable Lisa Raitt, Minister of Transport



CreeWest Acquires Airline, Poised for Expansion

Original Article By: Northern Ontario Business Staff, Northern Ontario Business, March 10, 2014 http://news.amco.on.ca/creewestacquiresairline

CreeWest GP Inc. is marking a milestone, acquiring Northern Skies Air Service hangar and charter service located in Sioux Lookout.



The \$1.5-million acquisition, which was a year in the planning, includes the hangar assets, the Navajo Chieftain aircraft, and shares of the airline.

CreeWest secured \$245,000 from Nishnawbe Aski Development Fund and a small portion of funding through RBC Aboriginal Banking, but 75 per cent of the deal was completed with CreeWest's own capital.

Located at the Sioux Lookout Airport, the 11,250-squarefoot hangar can house up to six King Air, PC- 12 type aircraft and currently has three tenants, with room for more. There is currently no other hangar space availability at the airport.

Operation of an airline fulfills the mandate set out by CreeWest to build and grow its member communities.

Pilot Project Targets Young Female Hockey Players

Original Article by: Lois Kalchman and Kerry Gillespie Toronto Star Apr. 12, 2014

http://news.amco.on.ca/pilotprojecttargetshockey

An Ontario airline is recruiting hockey players at the provincial women's championship this weekend, encouraging young girls to become pilots in a male-dominated industry. The thinking is that if these girls can overcome stereotypes to play hockey, they might have the traits to work in an almost exclusively male field.

Jennifer Salo, spokesperson for Air Georgian, says the airline wants girls to think about becoming pilots by Grade 10, an idea that led to a partnership with the Ontario Women's Hockey Association for this weekend's tournament.

(They) have the courage to take on male-dominated roles and they also have the skill, perseverance and teamwork understanding, as well as spatial recognition and aptitude, that transfers well to becoming airline pilots.

Parking and Ground Transportation Gets Easier and More Convenient

Original Article: Feb. 28., 2014 ottawa-airport.ca http://news.amco.on.ca/parkingandgroundtransportation



The Ottawa International Airport Authority is pleased to announce a number of facility upgrades and experience enhancements for passengers and visitors.

The Airport Authority has launched a new web-based parking reservation and management system, ParkspaceTM. This system is fully integrated with the airport's existing parking management and access control system, and allows customers to reserve and pay for their parking through the Ottawa Airport's website. The new online system provides customers with a more convenient way to purchase parking in advance of their travels, while also offering the peace of mind of a guaranteed parking space.

In addition to the new online service, the Airport Authority is also pleased to announce the opening of a new free Cell Phone Parking lot. This lot provides a convenient location where drivers can wait until they receive an "I'm here" mobile message before proceeding to the arrivals curb to pick up an arriving passenger. Users can now wait in this lot for up to 30 minutes at no charge. The lot is conveniently located in a section of the existing Long Term lot, less than 1 km from the main terminal.



New Destinations Available from London with Transat Holidays & Nolitours

Original Article By: Press Release- Valerie Martin, April 14, 2014, londonairport.on.ca http://news.amco.on.ca/newdestinationsavailablefromlondon

Transat Holidays and Nolitours are proud to offer more travel options from the London International Airport for the 2014-2015 South season.

Transat Holidays and Nolitours are adding two popular

destinations to their Sun program from London: Punta Cana, Dominican Republic and Cayo Santa Maria, Cuba. Cancun/Riviera Maya will remain an option for travellers flying from the London International Airport this winter.



Thunder Bay Airport Celebrates 15 Years of WestJet

Original Article by: Northern Ontario Business Staff Northern Ontario Business March 14, 2014 http://news.amco.on.ca/thunderbaycelebrateswestjet

Thunder Bay International Airport Authority is commemorating the 15th anniversary of WestJet's arrival in the city.

"Over the past fifteen years, WestJet Airlines has been an integral part of the continued growth of Thunder Bay International Airport," said airport president and CEO Scott McFadden.

WestJet has now introduced its new Encore service to the Thunder Bay market, with service starting in June.



Tired of changing lamps in your airfield signs? Well, now you don't have to. New ICAO and TP 312 compliant LED signs from ADB virtually eliminate runway and taxiway shutdowns due to long-lasting LED light sources. The new LED signs exceed the latest TP 312 requirements for luminance and colorimetry and operate on ferroresonant or thyristor type CCRs. And, because the signs use LEDs, they can reduce energy consumption, re-lamping expenses and ongoing maintenance costs.



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Council Votes in Favour of Further Study on Billy Bishop Airport Expansion

Original Article By: Mariam Matti, CTV Toronto April 1, 2014

http://news.amco.on.ca/furtherstudyforbillybishopexpansion

Toronto council has voted unanimously 44-0 to push ahead with negotiations that could lead to the expansion of Billy Bishop Airport.

Deputy Mayor Norm Kelly told reporters he considers the vote a victory.

"The modernization of the airport is not dead. People thought it was three months ago," Kelly said. "The airport is critical to the health of our downtown, to our business community. It will not only give more jobs but the variety of jobs our men and women are looking for."

Councillors who have publically opposed the expansion are also considering this vote a victory.

"Council did not decide to approve jets," Coun. Pam McConnell told reporters. "We will have a discussion a year from now. It is my hope by that time many councillors will see the devastating effects the expansion would have on the waterfront."

A series of studies will be launched before city staff will give Porter a final decision. The studies will look into the environmental impact, risks of traffic congestion and other issues posed by those against the expansion.

Porter's proposal includes extending runways at the island airport by 200 metres at each end to make room for passenger jets.

Porter has said that runway expansions would allow the airline to increase its services, which have grown from 26,000 passengers in 2006 to 2.3 million passengers in 2013.



Cargojet and Hamilton International Airport Partner in New Air Cargo Logistics Facility

Original Article By: Hamilton International, March 12, 2014 http://news.amco.on.ca/cargojetandhamiltonpartner

Cargojet and the John C. Munro Hamilton International Airport today announced a partnership in the Airport's \$12 million Air Cargo Logistics Facility, for which construction will begin in spring 2014. Cargojet will occupy approximately half of the 77,000 square foot Facility for both office and dedicated warehouse space.

"Cargojet is a long-time partner of the Airport and we are extremely excited to announce Cargojet as the anchor in the Air Cargo Logistic Facility," said Frank Scremin, President and CEO of John C. Munro Hamilton International Airport. "There is a significant opportunity to further develop air cargo services at Hamilton International; having secured the proper infrastructure and a partnership with Cargojet, Canada's Cargo Airline, puts us in a great position to realize this."

"This initiative will allow Cargojet to enhance efficiencies when handling our customers' products in a safe, secure and temperature controlled environment," said Ajay K. Virmani, President & CEO of Cargojet. "We look forward to strengthening our relationship with the Hamilton International Airport as we grow our overnight air cargo network significantly with the recently awarded major new contract by Canada Post and Purolator that will potentially double the size of our business. While we move forward with this expansion our key focus will be to ensure our current customer base continue to receive a first-class added service." he added.

The Air Cargo Logistics Facility is being funded through a joint partnership between the federal and Ontario governments and TradePort International Corporation, with support from Hamilton's municipal government, and slated to be complete in 2015.

Four Seasons Adds Branded Luxury Jet to \$119,000 Tours

Original Article By: Cotton Timberlake Bloomberg.com April 23, 2014 http://news.amco.on.ca/fourseasonsaddsjet

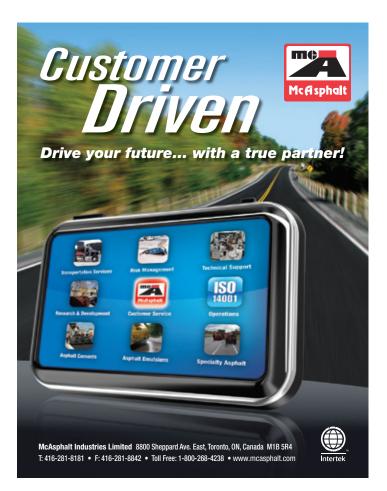
Four Seasons Hotels & Resorts is unveiling its own-look Boeing 757 to transport guests on its around-the-



world group trips. The Toronto-based luxury-hotel chain says the airplane is the hotel industry's first fully branded private jet.

The black aircraft will be emblazoned with the Four Seasons name in white on the fuselage and its tree logo, also in white, on the tail. The customized interior will feature leather flatbed seats, plush carpeting and contemporary lavatories. It will offer global in-flight Wi-Fi and be staffed with chefs and an onboard concierge to plan spa treatments and tee times for its 52 passengers while en route.

The new jet is being leased from TAG Aviation through TCS Expeditions.

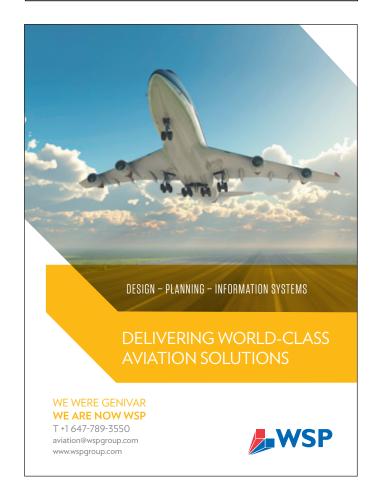




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overarching policies, regulations and directives affecting airports, to produce programs of improvements that minimize operational impacts, and maximize revenue and efficiencies for our clients.





Llamas and Goats Keep Grass Cut at Chicago's O'Hare Airport

Original Article by Agence France-Presse Aug. 14, 2013 http://news.amco.on.ca/goatskeepgrasscut

Chicago's bustling O'Hare airport has hired a new crew to keep the grass cut: a herd of goats, sheep, donkeys and llamas. Yes, llamas.

And the entire chew crew works to keep the grounds clear of critters that can interfere — or even endanger — airport operations.

Chicago used to rely on herbicides and motorized lawnmowers to maintain the nearly 8,000 acres (3,200 hectares) of land surrounding O'Hare.

But the rocky and hilly areas far from the tarmacs were tough to mow and could damage the city's expensive equipment. And despite endless hours of hot sweaty landscaping work, the airport's wildlife relocation team was constantly on the hunt for errant animals.

So the Windy City decided to follow the lead of airports in Seattle, San Francisco and Atlanta and try an old-fashioned approach.

Aside from giving the landscaping crew a break, relying on ruminants also potentially reduces the airport's carbon footprint by eliminating the use of gasoline-powered equipment.



Airport officials identified about 120 acres in four fencedin sites that are choked with the kinds of grasses and weeds that can keep the herd happily munching for months. They plan to monitor how long it takes the herd to clear each section. If it works well, they could even expand the herd to include more animals and a wider grazing area, Andolino said.

The airport's firefighters drive fresh water over for their water trough and a crew of minders corrals the herd in and out of a trailer that acts as a temporary barn for the evenings.

When it gets too cold for them to graze, the herd will be transferred to a warmer winter home.



London International Airport Fuels Up With New Facility

Original Article By: www.londonairport.on.ca, May 14, 2014 http://news.amco.on.ca/londonairportgetsfuelstation

Fueling vehicles at the London Airport has never been easier!

London International Airport and Dowler-Karn have partnered in a new retail fuel facility that meets the needs of airport businesses and the general public. This convenient 24-hour fuel facility is located at 1980 Crumlin Road, just north of the entrance to the London International Airport. The facility currently offers customers the opportunity to purchase gasoline or diesel by credit card or by using an electronic FOB at a standardized rate. Propane fuel will also be available in May 2014.



What's a FOB? The electronic FOB key activates the fuel pumps and records the amount of fuel purchased onto the customer's account with Dowler-Karn. The customer will then get a statement sent by email or Canada Post showing the total purchases for the month. No cash is required at the pump when fueling up.

Gerry Vanderhoek, Manager of Commercial Service & Passenger Experience, commented: "The lack of access to a convenient fuel facility was a primary concern of our rental car agencies at the airport as well as our passengers. As a result we have partnered with Dowler-Karn Ltd. to provide this service. This new facility will not only meet the need of these customers but also the surrounding business community and Londoners at large."







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