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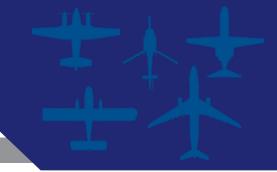
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From the President's Desk

It's been said that challenges and change are just an opportunity to excel and this has certainly been the case at AMCO. Over the past four years, Terry Bos in his role as President has led AMCO to expand the training programs, added the spring airfield workshop, established a permanent office, expanded the staff compliment and solidified AMCO as a leader in supporting airport SMS.

As the incoming President, it is painfully evident that Terry has left a very large pair of shoes to fill and I look forward to his wisdom and support as he steps into the board position of Past President. AMCO is of course a team that consists of our staff, our aerodrome and airport members, our business members, our provincial and federal government associates and our Board of Directors.

Simply stated,

Terry led the AMCO team to excel in the face of challenge and change. Congratulations and thank you Terry!

As the incoming President my personal goal is simply to lead us as we continue to build on our successes adding to our base of member aerodromes, airports and airport businesses and in doing so strengthening our organization and our industry.

It takes many players to make a good team and on behalf of the Board of Directors, I am pleased to welcome Aaron Lougheed into his new position as Executive Director. Aaron is a graduate of the Georgian College Aviation Management Program and brings with him both experience with an aviation related business and an aerodrome gained during his co-op terms. Many of you had an opportunity to meet Aaron at the convention and in the coming months please take the time to get to know and support Aaron in his new role.

Many of you also had an opportunity to meet AMCO's new Association Coordinator, Laura McNeice. Laura joined AMCO in April and took on the lead role with the convention when our Executive Director Bryan Avery began the transition into his new position at the North Bay Airport. Laura was supported by another new member of our AMCO team Jasen Belanger our new Administrative Assistant and by Bryan who will continue to support AMCO as we develop this new leadership team.

Under Laura's leadership and with the support of Jasen and Bryan the 29th AMCO Convention was the most successful in AMCO history. Congratulations to Laura, Jasen, Bryan and all the convention volunteers on a job well done.

Together, we will continue to grow in our support of the industry as we meet the challenges and opportunities together.

Sincerely yours,

Stephen Wilcox

President, Airport Management Council of Ontario

Chair, Nav Canada Advisory Committee

Manager, Oshawa Municipal Airport

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Ontario Air Travel in For Some Turbulence

Original Article By: Christina Blizzard, Toronto Sun, Oct. 4, 2014

news.amco.on.ca/ontarioairtravelinforturbulence

TORONTO - Just across the St. Lawrence River from Brockville is the small, sleepy upstate New York town of Ogdensburg. An hour from Ottawa, its tiny airport may seem insignificant now. Watch out, say aviation experts. Ogdensburg is poised

to take a bite out of the lucrative Ottawa air travel market.

And they're aided and abetted by a provincial government that hiked the tax on aviation fuel in its spring budget. The first one-cent-a-litre increase took effect September 1st. Further one-cent increases are planned each April 1st for the next three years. The fuel tax hike will cost Air Canada \$48 million annually. The National Airlines Council of Canada (NACC) says, when fully implemented, the tax hike will extract an additional \$100 million from the industry annually – about \$25 million per one-cent increase.

A NACC spokesman said unlike other sectors of the economy, the aviation industry (airports and airlines) is entirely self-financed. It doesn't get government subsidies. "The aviation industry is a vibrant job-creating machine providing good jobs and excellent revenue for the province," said executive director Marc-André O'Rourke. The organization met with government officials last week to ask them to put the tax hike on pause and delay any further implementation until they've studied the impact further.

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Friends of the Airport Have Big Ideas for Facility

Original Article By: Nelson Phillips, Wiarton Echo, Oct. 17, 2014

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

Brian Reis, Secretary for the Friends of the Airport (FOTA) says that the group wants to investigate the possibility of taking over management of the Wiarton-Keppel airport in a strictly volunteer capacity.

The airport has taken a lot of heat in recent months, says Reis. He feels that the airport is a "tremendous asset to the community," and should be treated as such.

"We know that it does, and can, bring more money into the community," said Reis during an interview in Wiarton. "It's very difficult for an airport to produce a profit, just because of the business model that they operate under. They don't make anything, they don't sell food, they don't rent rooms that sort of thing. A study from the American Owners and Pilots Association... shows that small regional airports brought in 42 billion into the US economy. Scale that down for Canada, and that's still a big amount of money."

Reis admits that the recent submission of an incomplete business plan to South Bruce Peninsula "fell short," but maintains that an economic study should be commissioned and completed by the joint councils of Georgian Bluffs and South Bruce Peninsula to assess the feasibility of the airport and how it could be better utilized to produce tourism, travel and boost the local economy of both municipalities.

Toronto Pearson Deploys Era's SQUID

Original Article By: Aimee Turner, AirTrafficManagement. net, Oct. 23, 2014

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

Canada's Toronto Pearson International Airport has selected Czech Republic based ERA to supply 80 vehicle-mounted SQUID transmitters as its surface vehicle tracking system.

The ERA-designed SQUID self-contained vehicle tracking unit improves airport safety by continuously broadcasting the exact position of all ground vehicles, including tugs, de-icing equipment, and fire and rescue vehicles. By using permanently mounted or portable ADS-B squitter beacon transmitters, SQUID minimizes the risk of vehicle collisions, especially during low visibility conditions.

As an important part of every advanced surface movement guidance and control system (A-SMGCS), SQUID improves overall situational awareness. The trust placed in this particular ERA product is shown by the fact that SQUID installations predominate at some of the busiest airports around the world, including Copenhagen, Amsterdam Schiphol, Istanbul or Singapore.





Celebrations at YTZ

Original Article By: Travel Industry Today, Sept. 9, 2014 http://news.amco.on.ca/billybishopcelebrates75thanniversary

Billy Bishop Toronto City Airport (BBTCA), celebrated the 75th anniversary of the landing of its first commercial passenger aircraft. Among the original passengers on September 8, 1939, were American bandleader Tommy Dorsey and his swing band, who came to perform at the Canadian National Exhibition.

Owned and operated by the Toronto Port Authority (TPA), throughout its history, the airport has served as an

important commercial aviation centre, a training ground for both the Royal Canadian and Royal Norwegian Air Forces during World War I, a hub for General Aviation and Medevac services, and as a key driver of Toronto's economy.

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Google's Indoor Maps Now Available at Pearson Airport

Original Article By: Jane McEntegart, Mobilesyrup, Oct. 6, 2014

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

Toronto's Pearson airport has become one of the first Canadian airports to offer travellers maps of inside the airport via Google Maps.

The Port Authority last Thursday announced that passengers can can use Google Maps to find their way around the airport. You'll never have to look for a restaurant or retailer directory again! More importantly, you'll be able to navigate from restaurants and stores directly to your gate, and with Pearson's free WiFi, it doesn't matter if you're just visiting and don't have data.

"For thousands of people every day, Pearson is Toronto's gateway," Google Canada's Aaron Brindle said in a statement "We are thrilled that Canadians and travellers from around the world can now navigate Toronto Pearson Airport with Google Maps."

Canada's Youngest Female Private Pilot

Original Article By: Len Gillis, timminstimes.com, Sept. 26, 2014

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

It was with flick of the official black pen, that Emma Redfearn from Ailsa Craig, Ontario became Canada's latest and youngest private pilot (male or female) on her 17th birthday this past weekend. With it, Emma successfully completed her goal to become a third generation pilot, following in the steps of her father also a private pilot, and grand-father, an ex-RCAF fighter pilot.



Pilot" status may be a short reign, ending when the next young aviator comes of age, but the accomplishment is still noteworthy.

Emma's journey began at 14 years of age with her first flight and has seen benchmarks along the way such as; first solo flight at 15 years of age, and solo crosscountry flight at 16. To earn the coveted Transport Canada Private Pilot licence, Emma had to complete over 45 hours worth of flight time, write an examination testing her knowledge of aviation topics and complete a grueling in-flight test where her navigational and flying abilities were also tested.

Modestly, Emma attributes much of her success in completing her training to the support she received from her parents Chris and Sarah and family, her knowledgeable and patient flying instructor Dave Kirby, along with the wonderful staff at Stratford Air Services located at the airport in Stratford, Ontario, where she completed her training. She's also thankful for financial support received from Canadian Owners and Pilots Association (COPA) Flight 28 of Burlington Ontario. Their generous scholarship offset some of the significant cost that earning a private pilot's licence entails. She credits their belief in her and willingness to assist her financially, with her being able to attain her Private Pilots licence at such a young age.

Passenger traffic soars at the Region of Waterloo International Airport

Original Article By: waterlooairport.ca, Sept. 19, 2014 http://news.amco.on.ca/passengertrafficsoarsinwaterloo

Waterloo Region – Passenger traffic at the Region of Waterloo International Airport continues to grow with August 2014 being the busiest month on record thanks to the 14,196 passengers that made the choice to "fly from home".

Year to date passenger numbers thru August have also increased by 8.3 percent with 97,332 passengers travelling through the Region of Waterloo International Airport. Loads on American Airlines, WestJet and Nolinor have grown significantly, and the number of passengers travelling through the air terminal building is projected to reach 145,000 by the end of 2014.

"We seem to have reached a tipping point with awareness that is translating into more passengers," said Chris Wood, General Manager at the Region of Waterloo International Airport. "The value proposition of flying from home is a significant savings of both time and dollars. We want to thank everyone who has made the choice to fly from home – you make local air service viable and every full seat helps us attract more air service."



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Young Eagles Make a Splash

Original Article by: Len Gillis, Timminspress.com, Oct. 10, 2014

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

TIMMINS - If you talk to Timmins aviation enthusiast Lloyd Richards, he will tell you that if there if one symbol that is truly iconic of Northern Ontario, it is the float plane.

Who hasn't been out in the bush to hear that familiar growl of a piston engine aircraft overhead, maybe taking some lucky fishermen to a remote lake or bringing drill samples from a remote mining camp back to the city?

Richards is a Timmins businessman who operates three airplanes, all of them land based. But he has previously owned a float plane.

On a Saturday morning in late September, several float plane pilots in Timmins got together through the Experimental Aircraft Association (EAA) to carry out another Young Eagles flight day.

Normally the Young Eagles program involves getting youngsters to enjoy their first airplane flight in the hope that someday those young people will consider a career in aviation. Most often the flights involve land-based aircraft taking off and landing from a local airport. That's how the Young Eagles program has worked for so many years in Timmins.

The new twist locally invited young people to enjoy a ride in a float plane.

"We live in a part of the world where I am sure there are a lot of kids who would aspire to being a float plane pilot," he said. "There's people who work in the bush, the mining exploration people, people in natural resources. There's a whole segment of the aviation business which operates on floats."

Richards said Confederation College in Thunder Bay has a program to teach float plane flying and is creating a whole new generation of bush pilots.



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Toronto Pearson Supports \$35 Billion of Ontario's GDP

Original Article By: GTAA Media Office, torontopearson.com,

Sept. 11, 2014

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

TORONTO, CANADA – In a key note speech to Toronto business leaders at the Toronto Region Board of Trade today, Howard Eng, President and CEO of the Greater Toronto Airports Authority (GTAA) released the findings of their Global Hub Economic Impact Study that quantifies the economic value of Toronto Pearson to the local and Ontario economies.

The study showed that Toronto Pearson makes a substantial contribution to the economy and facilitates the equivalent of \$35 billion, or almost 6 per cent of Ontario GDP in 2012 and 277,000 jobs. Additionally, given forecasted growth in the economy and therefore demand for aviation, it is projected that, for 2030, Toronto Pearson will facilitate economic value equivalent to almost \$59 billion, or close to 7 per cent of Ontario's GDP and support 457,000 jobs.

"Toronto Pearson plays an important role as a domestic hub, knitting Canada together. It also plays a wider role globally, and helps Canada compete," said Mr. Eng. "These findings reinforce the importance of running Toronto Pearson as effectively as possible to support local, provincial and national business at every turn. The results also reinforce the need to plan responsibly to accommodate future growth."

As a global hub, Toronto Pearson provides greater numbers of connecting passengers, which encourages airlines to provide more direct routes and increase frequencies on given routes, helping move people, products, goods, and services more efficiently. For passengers, time is money. Consequently, as more direct flights and frequencies are added, local communities benefit from increased choice in terms of airlines, shorter flight times and availability, as well as destinations.



Emergency landing at Timmins Airport

Original Article By: Len Gillis, timminstimes.com, Sept. 26, 2014

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

An emergency landing at the Timmins Victor M. Power Airport ended safely this evening when an Air Creebec plane landed on malfunctioning landing gear.

Nine persons, including the two crew members, were aboard the plane. There were no injuries reported.

The federal Transportation Safety Board (TSB) has been contacted and will be travelling to Timmins this weekend, according to Airport Manager David Dayment.

The plane, a twin-engined Beech A100, CF-EYT, owned by Air Creebec, made the emergency landing on Runway 10-28 after circling over the airport for nearly 30 minutes, during the supper hour Friday.

It is believed the plane was using up fuel as well as attempting to somehow fix the landing gear. It was not revealed where the flight was inbound from at the time or how long it had been in the air.

Finally around 6:15 p.m. the plane made its landing, travelling from east to west along the runway. Although the three landing gear doors were open, the wheels were not fully extended. That did not seem to affect the landing itself, as the wheels were extended just enough, it seems, to provide mobility.

Airport Commission Hope to Upgrade Infrastructure

Original Article By: Sarah Hyatt, thedailyobserver.ca, Oct. 11, 2014

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

LAURENTIAN VALLEY – The Pembroke and Area Airport Commission are moving forward with upgrading infrastructure at the airport.

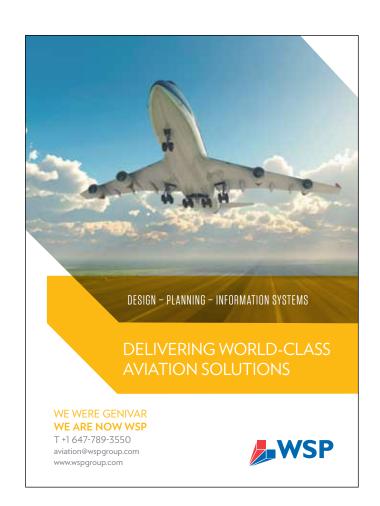
Council learned Tuesday, the commission has taken the first step and applied for grants to complete an economic impact study.

Community partners are preparing letters of support for the application, the Township of Laurentian Valley's commission representative and councillor Allan Wren said.

Commission representatives recently attended a unique conference in Kingston, Ont. Wren explained to council. During that time, the commission learned they might be eligible and able to access funds for infrastructure and pursue an avenue similarly to the Peterborough Airport, which has grown substantially since, Wren said.

"We're going to follow the same map they did," he explained. "And Peterborough has been very, very successful since. We're excited."

An economic impact study would show municipalities, as well as the County of Renfrew the economic value of the Pembroke and Area Airport, Wren said, plus, the potential long-term economic impacts for communities, as well as hopefully identify some opportunities for funding.



Safegate Group Acquires Liberty Airport Systems

Original Article By: Safegate Operation Systems Inc., Oct. 20, 2014 http://news.amco.on.ca/safegateacquiresliberty

The Safegate Group is pleased to announce that it has successfully completed the acquisition of Liberty Airport Systems Inc., the North American leader in integrated airfield lighting power and control solutions.

Safegate Group CEO Per-Olof Hammarlund said, "This acquisition is a milestone that strengthens our presence in North America and is a big step in



our drive for increased safety and efficiency at airports worldwide. Liberty's proven power and control technologies complement our solutions and allow us to deliver even better value to our customers."

Liberty Airport Systems will join forces with Safegate Group's U.S. subsidiary, Safegate Airport Systems, Inc., to offer the first truly turnkey intelligent airfield lighting solutions designed specifically for the North American market.

Tom Duffy, President of Safegate Airport Systems, Inc., said that, "Liberty Airport Systems has been a highly valued partner for several years." Both companies have a large presence in North America with products installed at more than 250 airports in Canada, Mexico and the U.S. and hundreds more around the world. The companies have also worked together successfully on high-profile projects including those at airports in Houston, Toronto and Vancouver. "As part of our family, Liberty's experience, excellent reputation and established manufacturing capabilities will strengthen our airfield lighting growth strategy in North America," adds Duffy.





Ottawa Airport Reopens Runway After \$30M Reconstruction

Original Article By: Erin McCraken, Ottawa South News, Oct. 9, 2014

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

Air traffic has noticeably changed course over Ottawa with last week's opening of the Ottawa Macdonald-Cartier International Airport's newly reconstructed runway - the third and final landing strip to be overhauled as part of a multimillion project.

After years of planning, the \$30-million reconstruction, funded by airport improvement fees, began on May 20.

Meeting the deadline was essential to minimize the impact to neighbourhoods under the flight path.

More air traffic was directed over communities located east and west of the facility while the longest runway was out of commission, "which meant that all of the neigbourhoods east and west of the airport had all of the noise, whereas it's normally spread out over two runways," said Krista Kealey, spokeswoman for the Ottawa International Airport Authority, which has been managing and operating the airport since 1997.

Since May, workers with general contractor R.W. Tomlinson, primary sub-contractor Black McDonald and main consultant WSP Canada have been working 16-hour days, six days a week to ensure the more than 3,000 metre-long runway would be completed by the Sept. 30 deadline.

They went through about 85,000 tonnes of asphalt and almost 38,000 litres of paint. "There were hundreds (of workers) and on the busiest days there were 200 people on site at any given time," said Kealey. "It's a big runway." The existing runway was completely reconstructed as well as re-contoured to ensure proper drainage. Lighting systems along the strip were also replaced. The last time the airport's runways were resurfaced was during the 1980s.



Hamilton International Airport's Winter Schedule Filled With Great Vacation Destinations

Original Article By: Hamilton International, Sept. 29, 2014

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

The beginning of November will mark the return of winter sun service to John C. Munro Hamilton International Airport. WestJet, Air Transat, Sunwing Airlines



and Celebrity Cruises will offer passengers from Hamilton and the surrounding region direct service to a number of popular sun destinations throughout the Caribbean, Mexico and United States.

New additions to Hamilton International's flight schedule for the 2014/2015 winter season, include weekly service to Puerto Plata through Air Transat, Punta Cana with Sunwing and a second weekly departure for Celebrity's all-inclusive cruise vacations following the success of last winter.

"This year, passengers will enjoy more frequent, direct service to a number of sun destinations thanks to Hamilton International's growing winter program," said Lauren Yaksich, Director, Marketing and Communications, John C. Munro Hamilton International Airport, "the variety of destinations offered this winter, combined with the convenience of Hamilton International, truly make it an ideal option for winter vacationers."

Hamilton International will offer direct flights to a number of unique destinations for the 2014/2015 winter season.



Homeland Security Plans to Expand Pre-Clearance Program at Foreign Airports

Original Article By: Jerry Markon, The Washington Post, Nov. 13, 2014

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

The Department of Homeland Security on Thursday announced plans to expand its controversial preclearance program at foreign airports, saying that requiring travelers to undergo screening before boarding flights to the United States is essential for national security.

Homeland Security Secretary Jeh Johnson said in a statement that the department is seeking permission from foreign governments to add more airports to the program starting next year. It is unclear which airports and countries might go along, but Johnson said he is targeting key airports in Europe and Asia.

Under pre-clearance, travelers undergo immigration and customs inspections by U.S. Custom and Border Protection at foreign airports before flying to the United States, and they can be treated as domestic passengers at American customs checkpoints after landing.

The U.S. government has set up air pre-clearance locations in six countries including Canada, Bermuda and Ireland, but the facility that opened earlier this

year in Abu Dhabi, the capital city of the United Arab Emirates, has prompted protests from a coalition of airline industry organizations and concerns from a bipartisan group of lawmakers.



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From the Desk of the Executive Director

Up Next at AMCO

Following the success of our 29th Annual Convention and Trade Show held this year in beautiful Thunder Bay, Ontario, AMCO has seen many changes, including some new faces, and some new initiatives to carry us into our 30th Anniversary year, 2015.

We are pleased to announce our 30th Annual Convention and Trade Show at the historical Fairmont Royal York Hotel in Toronto hosted by Toronto Billy Bishop City Centre Airport, Downsview Airport, Oshawa Municipal Airport and Toronto Pearson International Airport. AMCO looks forward to seeing you there to help celebrate this momentous occasion.

We are also pleased at the continued success of our Airfield Workshop, to be held in our Northeast Region this year in early May. As always, attendance will be free to Airport and Aerodrome members and we hope to see our biggest turnout yet.

AMCO has also developed a number of sub-committees to help address the needs and issues of our valued Airport and Aerodrome members.

Our Wind Turbine Working Group will continue to meet and move forward in the new-year, working with policy makers and affected Airports in order to address the safety concerns of our membership.

Our Airports Capital Assistance Program (ACAP) Working Group will be meeting with other Regional Airport Organisations in order to develop a strategy to amend and expand the current ACAP requirements and funded expenditures.

The AMCO board of directors has also seen the need to work more closely with our small airport and aerodrome members in order to help them thrive and see continued growth and success in the future. This has led to the formation of the Small Airport and Aerodromes Committee who we hope can help AMCO address the needs of and provide stronger benefits to our valued membership.

Through all this AMCO will continue to grow our newly renovated website, providing a source for used equipment, job postings, discussion boards, and airport knowledge to all of our members. Our website will also provide a link to online web based training programs such as WHMIS, Transportation of Dangerous Goods, A.V.O.P preparation, and Safety Management Systems. We also plan to continue with AMCO hosted and Airport Hosted specified needs courses to follow up on the success of our AMSCRs and Wildlife Management courses held across Ontario this year.

Best Wishes and Highest Regards,

Aaron Lougheed

Executive Director, AMCO



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