Celebrating 71 Years of Aviation Tradition

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DISTINGUISHED ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

Jim Albaugh

Jim Albaugh, retired President and Chief Executive Officer of Boeing Commercial Airplanes, a $50 billion business and world leader in aviation, will receive the 2013 Distinguished Achievement Award. Acknowledging outstanding accomplishments in the field of aviation and aeronautics, the award will be presented at the Wings Annual Awards Gala on October 25, 2013 at the Waldorf Astoria Hotel in New York.

Jim's storied 37-year career in aerospace began in 1975 as an engineer in Hanford, Wash. Over the course of nearly four decades, Jim was responsible for hundreds of programs including the first element launch of the International Space Station and the first flight of the 787.

An internationally recognized industry leader, Jim is an elected member of the National Academy of Engineering and an Honorary Fellow of the American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics. His extensive list of achievements and awards includes the Howard Hughes Memorial Award and the International Von Karman Wings Award from the Aerospace Historical Society honoring pioneers in aerospace.

A leading spokesman for American leadership in aerospace, Jim serves as the elected president of the American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics and is past chairman of the American Industries Association. In addition, Jim is a senior advisor for the Blackstone Group and serves on numerous corporate and university boards.

ANNUAL MEETING

March 27, 2013

Presentation of the award to Patty

The Annual Meeting of the membership and the Board of Governors signals the beginning of the new fiscal year for the Wings Club. In one event-filled evening, we look back on the accomplishments of the previous year, present the traditional rocking chair to the outgoing Wings Club president, install a new Club president, honor the year's Golden Eagles, announce the recipient of the year's Distinguished Achievement Award and bestow the Outstanding Aviator Award. When the evening's business is over, we take the time over cocktails and hors d'oeuvres to enjoy the presence of so many of our members who have traveled from around the globe to attend.

Following the introduction of the Board of Governors and current officers, the "Year in Review" video gave the 150 members present a quick look-back at the speakers and events of the past year, before the 70th Wings Club president, Bruce Whitman, handed over the gavel to the 71st president, Kevin McAllister. Golden Eagles, Frederick Beck and Robert Wohl were recognized and Jim Albaugh was announced as this year's Distinguished Achievement Award honoree.

Passing the gavel to the 71st President

A highlight of the evening was when Ken Gazzola, past president and current chairman of the Historical and Education Committee, and IAWA representatives Mylene Scholnick, Ellyn Slow, Sue Baer and Laurence Vigeant Langlois presented the 2013 Outstanding Aviator Award to Patty Wagstaff, the foremost female aerobatic champion. Attending in person, Patty captivated the audience with her breath taking video of gravity-defying feats and stories of her "hard core rock and roll aerobatics."

A Message From The President

Dear Wings Club Members:

At this year's annual meeting, my fellow Board Members elected me as the 71st President of the Wings Club. I am honored by this opportunity to serve the Wings Club and its members.

I congratulate our immediate Past President, Bruce Whitman, who did an exceptional job delivering on his promises to enhance member benefits as well as introducing the guest speaker interview program.

The Wings Club is very fortunate to have an outstanding group of aviation executives contributing to the leadership of the Club. Our Executive Committee this year consists of Barry Eccleston, Vice President and President Elect; John Plueger, Vice President, Treasurer and Secretary; and Randal Robert Craft, Jr. Counsel to the Board.

I am also pleased to welcome four new Board Members: Ben Baldanza, Scott Donnelly, Roberto Kriete, and Michael Van de Ven. We look forward to their contributions to the Club.

At the Annual meeting, I set out three major initiatives for the upcoming year. We are making progress on each of these objectives.

First, the Wings Club will expand our student outreach. The objective is to promote aviation and aerospace to the next generation of leaders. The Wings Club will join with Aviation Week to hold university speaking events and panel discussions. The speakers will be Wings Club Board members and executives. Aviation Week will assist in arranging the logistics for these events.

Second, at the Monthly Aviation Leader Series lunches, we will continue to recognize organizations who utilize aviation for helping those in need. Our focus will be on organizations that provide medical or disaster relief, volunteerism or other humanitarian services.

Third, we will continue to enhance the membership value proposition in order to increase membership so we can better accomplish the Club's charitable and educational goals. This will include new benefits to members, such as the Wings Club Online Store and the Wings Club Golf Invitational Tournament.

Regarding our upcoming events, we have an outstanding list of speakers slated for the balance of the year. Tony Tyler, Director General & CEO, IATA will speak at the September Aviation Leaders Series luncheon. At the General Harold R. Harris "Sight Lecture" in November, our featured speaker will be Marillyn Hewson, President & Chief Executive Officer of Lockheed Martin. In December, we will welcome back Gary Kelly, Chairman, President & CEO, Southwest Airlines.

The 71st Annual Gala will be held Friday night, October 25th at the Waldorf = Astoria Hotel in New York City. We are honored to have Jim Albaugh, Retired President and Chief Executive Officer of Boeing Commercial Airplanes, as this year's Distinguished Achievement Award recipient.

I am excited about the upcoming year and I look forward to seeing you at our events throughout the season.

Very best regards,

Kevin McAllister
President
The Wings Club

HIGHLIGHTS FROM WINGS CLUB EVENTS

SEE WHAT YOU MISSED

MARCH

March 28, 2013
Thomas Horton
Chairman, President and Chief Executive Officer
AMR Corporation & American Airlines

Tom Horton related the ultimate insider's view of the merger with US Airways, starting with his election as the CEO of the AMR Corporation. "I am standing alone in my office and my first act as the new CEO of AMR Corporation is to put the company into bankruptcy. Always the optimist, I was thinking it's gotta get better from here. The simple objective was to put American back on top - then, and only then, would we consider options to merge. In our view, there was no doubt there was a deal at the end of the journey – but first we had a lot to do to maximize value."

APRIL

April 18, 2013
Ben Baldanza
President and Chief Executive Officer
Spirit Airlines

Ben Baldanza's message was very clear when he said, "Lower fares mean more customers – simple elasticity. Southwest learned this a long time ago and used their cost advantage to grow. We looked at carriers such as Southwest Airlines, Ryan Air, Air Asia – carriers that were historically profitable - and made the decision to compete on price. We use fees and charges as economic incentives to encourage customers to behave in ways that cost us less money. Customers fly us and they choose our airline because they save money. That is the only reason they choose to fly us. So we aren't for everyone, but we are for those who just want low fares."

MAY

May 22, 2013
Richard Anderson
Chief Executive Officer
Delta Air Lines

"What we set out to do at Delta in 2007 is change the business model. The old cycle of arguing with employees, borrowing way too much money and not focusing on the return on invested capital really needed to change. At Delta, we set off down that path. The cool thing about Delta is that I think we lead the renaissance of this business. The US industry today is in an ascendant position. If you think of how the industry has really reformed itself, it is a great American story. There was no government intervention. We didn't have loan guarantees and the like. Now, in a classic sort of American way we've figured out the business and how to adapt."

JUNE

June 12, 2013
The Honorable Deborah Hersman
Chairman
National Transportation Safety Board

"That's what I want to talk about today; defying gravity and building upon today's strong commercial aviation safety record, and about the unique role played by the NTSB. 400 people you may not want to know; 400 people you may likely never meet; but 400 people you need to know about. Love us or loathe us, commercial aviation needs us. It is the public – those 730 million passengers who fly on US airlines each year – which the NTSB represents. They count on an honest broker with the ability to identify existing and emerging safety issues and push for needed improvements. Just as importantly, the public counts on an independent expert to represent their interests in an investigation and keep them informed."

THE ANNUAL MEETING

ON THE ROAD IN DUBLIN, IRELAND

March 19, 2013
Christoph Mueller
Chief Executive Officer
Aer Lingus

The seventh Wings Club luncheon in Dublin, Ireland featured an encore appearance by Christoph Mueller. In discussing the turnaround at Aer Lingus which has taken place since he last spoke to the Club three years ago, Mueller noted, "We have been extremely realistic on the duration of the Irish crisis, and hope was never a major element of the Aer Lingus plan. To survive we had to become a hybrid. Nobody wants to end up as a hybrid carrier – but we are. Most importantly, hybrid does not mean you have a little bit of legacy and a little bit of low cost. No, it is not like mixing claret with a lambrusco – tastes awful, by the way. Our inspiration was rather to take the best of both, so it is more like, ah … Red Bull with espresso. You create the best of both worlds."

James Carroll, Bryan Baldwin, Tracy Lynn Bink, Scott A. Resnick, Driss Belmadani

Kieran Byrne, Fergus Wilson, Dominic Ryan, Declan Kearney

Christoph Mueller, Siobhan Tiernan, John Slattery

Seated: Christine Ourmieres, Christoph Mueller, P.J. McGoldrick, Angus Williamson. Standing: Karl Griffin, Fiona Taafe, Greg Thomas, Marlin Dailey, Oliver Geldner, Michael Dowling

Marlin Dailey, Christoph Mueller, Christine Ourmieres

ON THE ROAD IN GENEVA, SWITZERLAND

May 20, 2013
Guy Hachey
President and Chief Operating Officer
Bombardier Aerospace

Speaking on the occasion of the fourth luncheon in Geneva, Switzerland, Guy Hachey remarked, "Bombardier is the world leader in rail, the world's third largest aircraft manufacturer and, I should note with a friendly nudge to some of my friends who are here in the audience, we are number one in business jets. Our success story in business aircraft is very important to us, although most of what you read about us today is focused on our 'C'series aircraft (which will be flying in just a few weeks). It's the first 100% new commercial aircraft in the 100 – 149 seat segment and is certain to be a game changer. But this week in the electric atmosphere of EBACE, I am beaming with pride for our business jets."

Bruce Whitman, Marlin Dailey, Greg Thomas

Guy Hachey

Mark Collins, Alexandra Collins, David Kinson

Pieter Staverman, Paul de Salis, Cedric Bédat

Guy Hachey, Marlin Dailey

THE WINGS CLUB CANDIDS

MARCH LUNCHEON

Matthew Barry, Steven Leonard, Beth Norton, Ralph Hasbun

Jennifer Hensley, Mitchell Moss, Patrica Ornst

Bruce Jackson, Alison Strassle, Michael Derchin

Thomas Horton, Flor Luenzo, John Feren

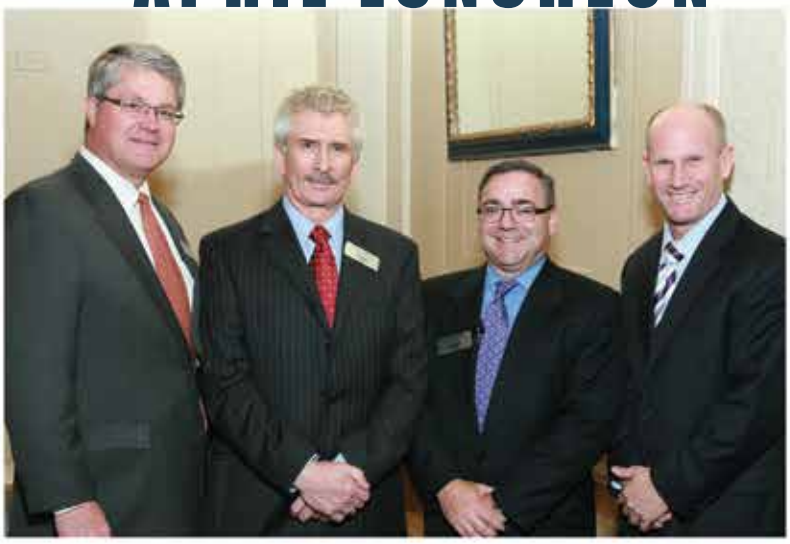
Robert Isom, Thomas Horton, Marlin Dailey

Thomas Horton, Kevin McAllister

THE WINGS CLUB CANDIDS

APRIL LUNCHEON

Susan Wyman, Daniel Kirk, Alyse Rigoli, Danielle Limberger



Todd Kallman, Barry Eccleston, Ben Baldanza, Rick Deurloo

York College Faculty and Students, Sponsored by GE Aviation

Thomas Donegan, Carol Hallette, Bob Harrell, Craig Jenks

Paulo Cesar Silva, Mark Pratt, Rick Deurloo, Bruce Whitman, Todd Kallman

Christian Amongero, Jennifer Lofquist, Paul Hopkins

MAY LUNCHEON

Alain Bellemare, Jim Jacobs, John Stack

Jon Forrest, Sue Wymann, Todd Kallman, Ron Pietrzak

Seating: Todd Kallman, Dave McKay, Kevin McAllister, Richard Anderson, Allan McArtor, Bob Reding. Standing: Mike Van de Ven, Gary Krauthamer, Ken Gazzola, Kingsley Roberts

Ross Campbell, Jorge Castello, Celso Ferrer, Edmar Lopes

Kingsley Roberts, Jenny Winter, Betty Ginsburg, Russ Baily

Aviation High School Students, Table Sponsored by JetBlue

THE WINGS CLUB CANDIDS

JUNE LUNCHEON

Bob Francis, Barry Eccleston, Chairman Deborah Hersman, Ken Gazzola, Bruce Whitman

Barry Eccleston and Chairman Deborah Hersman

Andrew Averna, Jacob Hillery, Waguih Ouess, Bob Campbell, Doug Reese, Blake Kelly, De Paul Reese

Maxine Lubner, Waguih Ouess, Amrah Cardoso

Julie Ellis, Susan Baer, Ellen Slow, Katie Callaham, Chairman Deborah Hersman,Mylene Scholnick, Kathleen Flannagan, Diana Gurfel, Cindy Durkin, Abby Bried

Tulinda Larsen, Dave McKay, Sophie Bousselma

FIRST ANNUAL WINGS CLUB GOLF INVITATIONAL

Liberty National Golf Club, known as one of the most stunning settings on the PGA tour, was home to The Wings Club Golf Invitational Tournament held on Monday, June 3, 2013. The invitational, attended by Corporate Members, benefited the Wings Club Scholarship fund.

The golf course provided striking views of the Manhattan skyline and the Statue of Liberty. Following golf was the cocktail reception and dinner. Captivating the audience with a remarkable and entertaining dinner presentation was William Shepherd (Captain, USN, Ret.) and NASA Astronaut (Former). The only Astronaut who was also a Navy SEAL, Captain Shepherd was the Commander of Expedition – 1, the first crew of the International Space Station and a member of Navy SEAL teams ONE and TWO.

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Save The Date

The September Luncheon
September 19, 2013
The Yale Club
Speaker: Tony Tyler
Director General & CEO
IATA

Annual Awards Gala
October 25, 2013
Waldorf = Astoria
Distinguished Achievement Award
Recipient: Jim Albaugh

The November Luncheon
November 14, 2013
The Yale Club
Speaker: Marillyn Hewson
President & CEO, Lockheed Martin

The December Luncheon
December 12, 2013
The Yale Club
Speaker: Gary Kelly
Chairman, CEO & President
Southwest Airlines