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From the President's Desk

I would first like to thank everyone who attended our Airfield Workshop in Thunder Bay on April 30, 2013. With 60 people attending the event, representing 25 airports from throughout all of Ontario as well as Manitoba and British Columbia, the event was a huge success. Thank you also to our many sponsors and supporters; Approach Navigation Systems Inc., L Patrick Consulting, Nav Canada, EBA, Team Eagle, Confederation College, Precise ParkLink, Region of Waterloo International Airport, Tradewind Scientific, GP Flight Software, United Rotary Brushes, and a special thank-you to our host airport Thunder Bay International Airports Authority Inc. Your efforts greatly helped us organize the Airfield Workshop, and present up-to-date and informative presentations on airfield winter operations and offsetting costs through cost savings, and non-aeronautical revenue sources.

There was a wide variety of topics covered at the workshop: The First Season with SNOWiz presented by Olivier Meier of Nav Canada; Reviewing your Airport's Snow Plan presented by Jane Foyle of EBA; Environmental Implications of De-Icing Chemicals presented by Laura Patrick of L Patrick Consulting; Airfield Snow Removal Equipment and Techniques presented by Brian Courchesne of Team Eagle; The Power and Savings of Airfield Lighting Upgrades presented by Brian Ahern and Mark Flamme of Approach Navigation Systems Inc.; Turning Pavement into Profits presented by Terry Faye of Precise Parklink Inc.; Airport SMS Reporting Systems – Region of Waterloo International Airport Case Study presented by Currie Russell from the Region of Waterloo International Airport; the day concluded with a tour of the EROC at Thunder Bay International Airport, and a great networking supper back at Confederation College's Aviation Centre of Excellence (ACE).

If you have ideas for future Airfield Workshops or member meetings; please give the AMCO office a call and let them know at 1-877-636-2626. Although we've only hosted two Airfield Workshops to date, your feedback on topics, venues, presenters, and everything else will help us organize even better events in the future.

Our attention now turns to our next event, AMCO's 28th Annual Convention and 16th Annual Trade Show in Peterborough, ON, and we can't wait to see you there. For the first time the Conference and Trade Show will be based right at the airport facility. Once again thank-you to those who attended the 2013 Airfield Workshop, including our sponsors and supporters, for making it a successful event. Each of you helped make the day a lot of fun, and kept the conversations interesting.

Highest Regards,

Terry Bos, BBA, CM
 President, Airport Management Council of Ontario
 CEO, Sault Ste. Marie Airport Development Corporation



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Great Lakes Airshow Will Fill the Skies of London, St. Thomas

Original Article By: Sean Meyer,
 London Community News
<http://news.amco.on.ca/GLAirshow>

In just a few months, the skies above London and St. Thomas will be filled with some of the most exotic and powerful aircraft the world has to offer and Pete McLeod will be right up there with them.

McLeod was just one of the invited guests to turn out on Thursday (April 18) as organizers of the Great Lakes International Airshow held a media launch at London's Executive Aviation for this summer's. This year's edition of the Great Lakes International Airshow (GLIA) takes place June 28-30 at the St. Thomas Municipal Airport.

For McLeod, a resident of London for nearly 10 years who has raced in competitions and exhibitions around the world, the chance to show off his flight skills so close to home is one he is looking forward to.

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On Land or Air, Texting Means Trouble

Original Article By: Michael Vaughan
<http://news.amco.on.ca/TextSafety>

Distracted driving is a serious issue on the road and now unfortunately in the air.

An investigation by the U.S. National Transportation Safety Board found that text messages were a contributing factor in the crash of a medical air ambulance. The NTSB has recommended banning the use of portable electronic devices by all flight crew members.

The pilot of a helicopter that crashed in Missouri in 2011, killing all four people on board, was distracted by personal text messages before and during the fatal flight, investigators concluded. The Eurostar helicopter crashed after running out of fuel while transporting a patient from one hospital to another. Killed were the pilot, flight nurse, flight paramedic and the patient.

Editor's Note: In working to promote safe airport operations, we ask that operational staff including those who operate any equipment airside at an airport not to use their cellphones (personal or business) when conducting work. Your safety is always paramount, and your message will always be there for when you're off work.



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U.S. Funding Cuts Affect Canadian Airshows

Original Article By: Blair Watson and Lisa Gordon, Canadian Skies

<http://news.amco.on.ca/USAffectsAirshows>

Canadian airshow producers who were counting on U.S. military participation in 2013 are scrambling to fill gaping holes in their show programs, and on their airport ramps.

"Initially, a lot of heads were in the sand, thinking it wouldn't affect us," said Dan McLaren, who operates Mach 1 Productions, which provides airshow sound and communications services at events throughout Canada and the U.S. "But it hit home once we knew we were going to lose all of our American fly-bys, our demos, our static line participation. The Canadian military is not that big, so we rely on our American friends to fill our ramps."

McLaren said big shows will feel the loss the most, especially events such as the Abbotsford Airshow, which typically has one of the best aircraft static displays in the country. This year, only the Canadian military and civilian acts will be on hand.

Runway Incursions A Threat to Aviation Safety

Original Article By: Bruce Champion-Smith, The Star
<http://news.amco.on.ca/RunwayIncursions>

While aviation has been getting safer, runway incursions — when aircraft or vehicles blunder on to an active runway or even taxiway by mistake — remain a weak spot.

"It's a concern worldwide," said Mark Clitsome, director of air investigations for the [Transportation Safety Board of Canada], the independent agency that probes transportation occurrences. "We've been watching those numbers for last few years and they're not going down. So we're concerned," he told the Star in an interview.

The safety board has put runway incursions on its watchlist of transportation problems that pose the greatest risk to travellers.

Statistics prepared by a working group to curb incursions counted 1,078 incidents between Jan. 1, 2010 and Dec. 31, 2012. Of those, 126 were blamed on air traffic control, 651 were because of pilot errors and 301 were blamed on pedestrians or vehicles.

Editor's Note: In promoting safety throughout Canada's aviation community, AMCO will be participating in the Canadian Aviation Safety Officer Partnership (CASOP), led by NAV CANADA's Office of Safety and Quality. To learn more about CASOP, please visit www.casop.ca

Airport Manager Frustrated by Dump-Hungry Birds

Original Article By: CBC News
<http://news.amco.on.ca/YAGBirdConcerns>

Fort Frances airport officials are worried that more birds will get in the way of aircraft, posing a safety risk, if the neighbouring Couchiching First Nation builds a new landfill site.

Airport manager Tom Batiuk said dealing with nuisance birds is a problem. "On a really damp day, I've seen upwards of between 300-500 seagulls on the runway," he said.

But the chief of Couchiching First Nation said his community has its own problem — its dump is full and it desperately needs a new one.

But Batiuk says the proposed new dump is too close. McPherson argues the proposed site is no closer to the airport than the existing Fort Frances town dump.

Because the current landfills in Fort Frances and Couchiching are attracting gulls, Batiuk is worried that yet another landfill site will bring even more birds.

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Flying Club Tries To Land Brandon Deal

Original Article By: Graeme Bruce, Winnipeg Free Press
<http://news.amco.on.ca/BrandonFC>

While the city is unabashedly flirting with WestJet in an attempt to bring the carrier to the Wheat City, the Brandon Flying Club has quietly been in talks with Air Canada Jazz to launch a charter service, the Brandon Sun has learned.

The club is looking west, with the potential for regular flights to Edmonton, Calgary and maybe even Vancouver.

In the last two months, a representative from Jazz, Air Canada's regional brand, approached the flying club with a unique proposal: the flying club would offer regular service through a bilateral leasing agreement, meaning the airline would provide the aircraft and the club would provide the maintenance service, manpower, booking, de-icing and concierge service.

Kevin Choy, the five-year president of the club, said Friday these early-stage talks have a good chance of developing into a solid agreement -- but the club has to act fast.

"What I can say is Air Canada Jazz approached us in our discussions to possibly build up a leasing program with them," Choy said.

If the stars are aligned, Choy said it's possible to see such a charter service out of Brandon in the next two to three years -- with or without Air Canada.

Ottawa Urged to Adopt National Strategy to Boost Regional Airports' Competitiveness

Original Article By:
 Scott Deveau, Financial Post
<http://news.amco.on.ca/RegionalAirportStrategy>

Ottawa is being urged to develop a single, cohesive national air travel strategy aimed at improving the competitiveness of Canadian airports that includes all regions, including the North, in a new senate committee report.

The report is the latest in a series from the Standing Senate Committee on Transport and Communications, which is tasked with reviewing the competitiveness of Canadian airports.

The latest committee report is primarily focused on improving the competitiveness of the country's regional and Northern airports, and emphasizes the importance they play in the broader aviation sector in Canada.

As part of a broader National Air Travel Strategy, the senate committee is urging the federal government to place a priority on improving regional and northern airport infrastructure in order to encourage economic growth in the country's more remote regions.

Chief among these concerns is the state and availability of runways about the infrastructure at regional and northern airports.



Federal Budget Delivers \$70 Billion for Infrastructure Over 10 Years

Original Article By: Kelly LaPointe, Daily Commercial News
<http://news.amco.on.ca/InfrastructureFunding2013>

The federal government has committed to \$70 billion in infrastructure funding over 10 years through both current and new initiatives, it announced in Thursday's 2013 budget.

This commitment includes a new \$14 billion Building Canada Fund to support major economic projects that have national, regional and local significance. This will replace the original seven-year Building Canada plan, which expires in March 2014.



"Infrastructure creates jobs, supports trade and fuels economic growth. Infrastructure drives productivity and contributes to long-term prosperity. We have done a great deal to support infrastructure renewal — more than any other federal government — but there is much left to do," said Finance Minister Jim Flaherty in his budget speech in the House of Commons.

The government will conclude new GTF agreements before the end of current agreements on March 31, 2014. Eligible investments will be expanded to include: highways, local and regional airports, short-line rail, short-sea shipping, disaster mitigation, broadband and connectivity, brownfield redevelopment, culture, tourism, sport and recreation.

The fund will also include \$10.4 billion over 10 years under the incremental GST Rebate for Municipalities to provide communities with additional resources to address their infrastructure priorities.

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Armow Turbines Cause Kincardine Airport Concerns

Original Article By: Ken Kilpatrick, Blackburn News
<http://news.amco.on.ca/ArmowTurbines>

It will be next month before an unforeseen problem with the Armow Wind Project and the Kincardine Airport can be explained to Kincardine councillors.

Last week, council was presented with a letter from Nav Canada saying it had issues with the placement of 43 wind turbines in the vicinity of the airport.

The letter had been sent to the developers Pattern-Samsung and was then sent on to the municipality.

Mayor Larry Kraemer said last night the issue will have to be presented by experts because it's extremely technical.

Councillor Jacqueline Faubert wasn't satisfied with that answer.

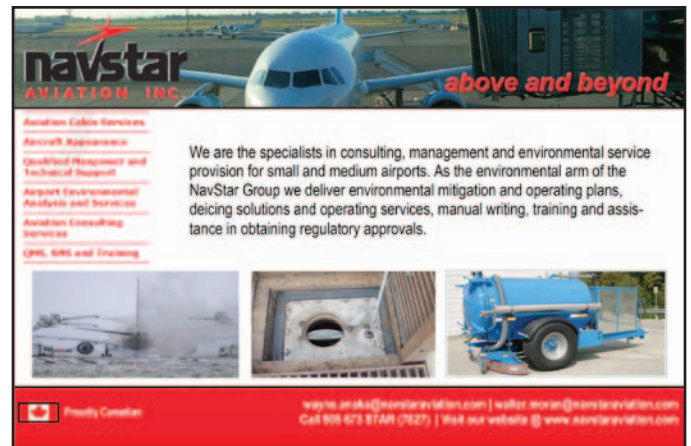
She said the deadline for comments on the project to the Ministry of Environment is April 25th.

She is concerned that issues arising from Nav Canada won't be dealt with in time to meet the deadline.

SkyWay Café; Now at Tillsonburg Airport

<http://www.skywaycafe.org/>

On Thursday April 18, 2013 the SkyWay Café, which originally serviced the Brantford Municipal Airport, open another restaurant at the Tillsonburg Regional Airport. In celebration of the occasion, the Tillsonburg Airport provided a 5 cent discount on fuel for pilots who purchased a meal on the Cafe's opening day. With their spectacular views of the airport, SkywayCafe is open 8am to 2pm at the Tillsonburg Regional Airport and 8am to 2pm at the Brantford Municipal Airport.



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Canadore and Aviation Firm Partner Up

Original Article By: ING Robotic Aviation
<http://news.amco.on.ca/12c5p7E>

ING Robotic Aviation, Canada's leader in unmanned aircraft system solutions, is pleased to announce it will be partnering with Canadore College this June to offer the first UAV program in Ontario. This demonstrates leadership not only in Canada but also internationally.



ING Robotic Aviation understands that great technology comes from great people. The company is privileged to work with a practical and innovative institution like Canadore College on this initiative. This collaboration between ING and Canadore hopes to rebuild Canada's lead in aviation, create high tech jobs and foster northern development.

New Technology Gives Local Cadets A Chance To Soar

Original Article By: Linda Givetash, The Record
<http://news.amco.on.ca/WaterlooCadets>

A new digital simulation program is giving local cadets a unique opportunity to experience what it's like to operate jets, submarines and unmanned aerial vehicles.

The software — a program called Prepar3D — that creates the real-life experience was donated to the Cadet Youth Development Centre, home of the 822 Tutor Squadron of the Royal Canadian Air Cadets.

The squadron is now the only one of its kind in Canada to offer this type of simulated training for free to youth ages 12 to 18.

Foreign Airlines in Canada: Consumers' Association Says It's Time for More Competition

Original Article By: The Canadian Press
<http://news.amco.on.ca/ForeignComp>

The Consumers' Association of Canada is calling for the federal government to allow more competition from foreign airlines.

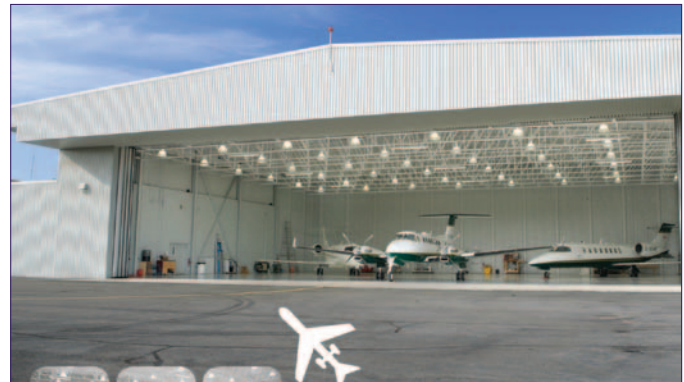
The group says Canada's current policy protects the dominant domestic airlines and limits consumer choice.

Association president Bruce Cran says it will use recent polling data to support its call for change in Canada's aviation industry.

The telephone survey of about 1,000 people in late January and early February found a large majority of responses were in favour of more foreign competition.

Among other things, the Harris/Decima survey found 61 per cent of respondents agreed that foreign airlines should be allowed to compete with Canadian carriers.

The survey also found 77 per cent agreed that foreign airlines would give consumers more travel options and 69 per cent agreed they'd lead to lower costs.



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Change Is In the Air at Airport

Original Article By: Geoff Zochodne, The Oshawa Express
<http://news.amco.on.ca/OshawaChange>

Corporate aircraft are flocking to Oshawa Municipal Airport in anticipation of Buttonville's airport closing, the migration coming at a time when a new strategic direction is being plotted for the City's aviation industry.

The City struck an "Airport Business Plan Working Team" in December 2012. One item it's exploring is the coming closure of the Buttonville Municipal Airport in Markham and its impact on Oshawa's airport.

Though the process has just begun, Airport Manager Steve Wilcox says the short answer is "yes," aircraft from Buttonville are already choosing Oshawa for their new home.

"We know that the majority of general aviation and corporate aircraft currently located at Buttonville airport are intending to relocate to Oshawa," he confirms. Some, adds Wilcox, have already purchased hangar space, while others are planning on it.

Government of Canada Invests in Safety at Windsor International Airport

Original Article By: Transport Canada
<http://news.amco.on.ca/WindsorSafety>

The Windsor International Airport is receiving funding through the Airports Capital Assistance Program (ACAP) for the purchase of an airport rescue and firefighting truck, as well as the replacement of electronic runway condition reporting equipment and a snow plow blade. The new state-of-the-art firefighting truck will greatly enhance emergency response capability at the airport, while the other equipment will provide for continued clear and safe runways and taxiways for travellers.

Owen Sound Billy Bishop Regional Airport, A Story of Success

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In only a few years' time the Owen Sound Billy Bishop Regional Airport, under the leadership of the CYOS Aviation Group, has successfully returned to busy operations. In 2013 the airport is continuing to grow, with their second local flight school enrolling international students and receiving new aircraft such as a Seneca II and Cessna 152, and the Owen Sound Flight Services working with 23 new local students. With the increase in traffic, came the need to increase hangar space, resulting in the recent completion of a 100' x 64' hangar, another in application stage, and plans to extend the taxiway to connect to 5 new hangar spaces.

Leaside 100: Aerodrome Was Site of Canada's First Air Mail Flight

Original Article By: Tara Hatherly, East York Mirror
<http://news.amco.on.ca/Leaside>

As Leaside's 100th birthday approaches, many local residents might be surprised to learn the former town was once home to a bustling airport.

Leaside Aerodrome was the site of Canada's first airmail delivery on June 24, 1918, when letters were flown in from Montreal. A heritage plaque commemorating the event can be found at the southeast corner of Brentcliffe Road and Broadway Avenue.

Along with the plaque, the only other reminder left of the Leaside Aerodrome is the honourarily-named Aerodrome Crescent, southeast of Eglinton Avenue and Laird Drive.



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Air Canada, Westjet Want in If Ottawa Ok's Porter's Plan to Fly Jets from Toronto Island Airport

Original Article By: Scott Deveau, Financial Post
<http://news.amco.on.ca/WeWantIn>

The heads of both Air Canada and WestJet Airlines Ltd. say if Porter Airlines is allowed to start flying jets into Billy Bishop Toronto City airport, then they want in too.

WestJet has even punched the numbers and thinks it could land one of its larger Boeing 737's at the Toronto Island airport, if jets were allowed.

Porter said this week it wants to buy up to 30 of Bombardier Inc.'s new CSeries aircraft, which it hopes to fly from its home on the island. However, the order is conditional on wresting concessions from the federal government, the City of Toronto and the Toronto Port Authority that would lift a ban on jets at the airport and allow for two 168-metre extensions on either end of the runway to accommodate the CSeries' landing requirements.

The proposal was the buzz in Montreal Thursday at the Canadian Airport Council conference, where federal Transport Minister Denis Lebel was the keynote speaker. Mr. Lebel said in an interview the federal government would be willing to review Porter's proposal.



Hamilton on Porter Checklist

Original Article By: Meredith MacLeod, The Spec
<http://news.amco.on.ca/PorterChecklist>

Porter Airlines founder and CEO Robert Deluce says he has looked at Hamilton's airport "quite closely" and he doesn't rule out the possibility of expanding to other hubs beyond Toronto's island airport.



"It's no secret that we have had discussions with other airports and I'm not giving away any trade secrets that we've had some good discussions here in Hamilton," Deluce said at a gathering of the Canadian Club of Hamilton Thursday.

"Hamilton is a unique sort of airport and, quite frankly, we've looked at it quite closely."

But for now, his upstart young airline is focused on bringing jets to Billy Bishop Toronto City Airport in Toronto harbour.

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