



OPS Europe Brings Together Ground Support Community **better' show draws 40 exhibitors and over 350 business aviation attendees**

Europe's premier event for business aviation flight operations professionals saw a significant rise in attendance and enthusiasm at its second annual edition this week. Feedback from attendees, exhibitors and organizers alike confirms AIR OPS Europe's value to the business aviation industry. AIR OPS Europe 2017 drew some 40 exhibitors up by 30% - and more than 350 attendees almost doubling attendance to the two-day conference and exhibition at Cannes-Mandelieu. Europe answers the need for a platform for the BizAv community to build relationships, strengthen skillsets, drive competitiveness, and better position themselves for the future," said **Brandon Mitchener**, CEO of EBAA, the organiser of the show.

"This is a unique and valuable opportunity for the airport and ground services community in Europe to network, discuss

issues and build closer relationships with customers and prospects," said **Edwin Niemöller**, FBO Director, KLM Jet Center. "We'll be returning next year!"

"AIR OPS Europe is a very convenient industry event," said **Andreas Becker**, CEO and Founder, GAS German Aviation Service. "I can really take my time to sit down with customers and partners and have serious, valuable discussions why we will be back in 2018."

A new highlight of this year's event was an innovation corner, featuring cutting edge service providers. "The Connected World of Aviation is a group of aviation technology companies who believe that, through simple, easy and free sharing of data, we can dramatically add value to business aviation," said **Paolo Sommariva**, CEO Flexx.

At the show's opening, keynote speaker **Claire-Anne Reix** of the office of the mayor of Cannes, emphasized the importance of business aviation for the local and regional economy.

The other keynote speaker, **Thierry Pollard**, Director of Cannes Airport, confirmed his group's satisfaction at hosting an event that enhances the appeal of a sector so vital to business and the local community.

"Thanks to all of EBAA's hard work that goes into this event, the great facilities and people here at Cannes Airport, and most of all, the exhibitors and attendees, we have pulled off a bigger, better edition of AIR OPS Europe," added EBAA's Chairman, **Juergen**



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PANASONIC AVIONICS AND TASCENT PARTNER TO ENHANCE AIR TRAVELER EXPERIENCE WITH BIOMETRICS



Multimodal biometrics to streamline travel and deliver industry innovation

Panasonic Avionics Corporation (Panasonic), the world leader in inflight entertainment and connectivity, and Tascent, Inc., a biometrics and identity innovation company, today announced their intent to enter into a strategic partnership to bring biometric passenger identification to every stage of the passenger journey both on the ground and in the air.

The companies will combine Tascent's biometric identity devices, software and services with Panasonic Avionics Corporation's in-flight entertainment and communications systems to provide streamlined, easy-to-use identity recognition before departure, during flight, and upon arrival. These combined capabilities coupled with enabling technologies from Panasonic Corporation will support industry trends toward smart

airports and the connected passenger journey, while bringing innovations such as seatback immigration, streamlined personalization and in-flight biometric payment within reach.

Together, Panasonic and Tascent will bring additional value to Panasonic's aviation customers through improved personalization and convenience for passengers, helping to reduce friction points for passengers and airlines from the journey's start to finish.

Chris Lundquist, Vice President Corporate Strategic Initiatives at Panasonic Avionics Corporation, said, "Our partnership with Tascent is yet another example of our vision for the connected aircraft and its benefits becoming a reality for the commercial aviation community. With this

agreement, Panasonic and Tascent will create unique offerings that use biometrics to personalize the in-flight experience and beyond. We look forward to working with Tascent on a host of capabilities that will take the traveler journey to new heights."

Alastair Partington, founder and co-CEO of Tascent, said: "We are excited to combine our specialist knowledge of biometrics with Panasonic Avionics' outstanding track-record of air travel innovation. Tomorrow's air travelers will be best served by an aviation industry that adopts biometrics technologies in an intelligent, personal and thoughtful way. Tascent and Panasonic share a joint vision of an exciting future in which biometrics technologies improve the air traveler experience for all."

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Flying Colours makes a carbon copy of original carbon fiber interior



Flying Colours, the North American MRO, refurbishment and completions specialist, has delivered an enhanced carbon-copy of the innovative red, white and black carbon fiber cabin, that was originally designed for a Bombardier Challenger 850 in 2013. The same customer's pre-owned Bombardier Global Express, left the Canadian company's Peterborough facility this week, having received an equivalent makeover.

To faithfully emulate the stylish cabin appearance Flying Colours designers referred to the first design, and made a number of engineering and style adjustments. "Everything may seem the same, but a lot is very different," said Eric Gillespie Executive VP, Flying Colours, "We had to take into consideration the larger cabin, the different type of usage, and the high standards of the Global, to recreate the same look and feel."

The floorplan was modified to accommodate a new configuration in the mid-section per customer request. Two seats opposite the central divan were replaced with a four-seat conference group incorporating new Rockwell Collins Global seats. The shape of the existing cabin seats' head and arm rest were changed, and the seat-swab made larger, to match the newly installed mid-cabin layout. All the seats were upholstered in pure white leather with a carbon fiber

armrest accent.

The cherry-red divan, which provides a splash of colour in the mid-cabin, is complemented by a second black three-seat divan in the aft section. The original fabrics for the seating and soft furnishing were replaced with new, improved materials to support the increased usage the Global range allows.

Behind the scenes, the installation of Honeywell's Ka band JetWave™ system required the addition of an aft LRU radome and antenna, to radically update the connectivity. Faster, richer data transfer, enables live streaming, and WiFi access across multiple personal devices throughout the cabin.

Monuments comprise predominantly black and grey carbon fiber veneer, finished with an ebony wood edging. The colour scheme continues through the upgraded galley and washroom which feature bright white countertops. Tai Ping's handmade carpet, showcases a white branch design providing definition to the black background. Throughout the cabin satin nickel finishing on all the metal work complements the elegant style.

"The devil was in the detail with this aircraft," says Gillespie. "We had to retain the original look which meant ensuring a lot of the updates were

essentially invisible. It speaks volumes that our design engineers and installation technicians can adapt an interior for what is essentially a completely different airframe. It also highlights that our designers have a talent for staying ahead of the trend curve as the cabin looks as fresh and exciting today as when we first showed it to the client four years ago. That's not an easy feat to achieve."

On completion, the exterior displayed a new customised paint scheme featuring a distinctive charcoal grey and gold scheme. Flying Colours also conducted the pre-buy inspection and customer-requested maintenance inspections, which ran in parallel with the interior modifications. Completed at the Peterborough facility, the project took approximately six months to realise. "The customer was clearly delighted with our initial design, which was one of the industry's first to feature so much carbon fiber, and is extremely pleased with the new-look Global. Refurbishing the cabin has given him an as-new aircraft, completely personalised to his taste, within a short timeline and budget. It shows how much you can achieve with great design and engineering. We don't often get to repeat, and improve a design. We are already looking forward to the next version," adds Gillespie.

INTERJET ANNOUNCES MULTIPLE AIRCRAFT DEAL WITH PANASONIC AVIONICS

Inflight entertainment (IFE) and Wi-Fi connectivity to be installed across fleet of Airbus A320/A321 aircraft

Mexico City-based Interjet has selected Panasonic Avionics Corporation's (Panasonic) innovative inflight entertainment (IFE) system and Wi-Fi connectivity service for its fleet of Airbus A320 and A321 aircraft.

The initial aircraft will be delivered from Airbus in November 2017, and this A321 NEO aircraft will be the first Panasonic-equipped aircraft to be line fit with connectivity by the OEM.

Julio Gamero, Chief Commercial Officer of Interjet says: "At Interjet, we pride ourselves on delivering the very best experience to our guests. With this announcement, we will now offer our passengers a high definition theater-like entertainment experience with high-speed connectivity services that will keep them connected and productive. This is truly a fantastic milestone for Interjet, and we are very excited to once again partner with Panasonic." **Hideo Nakano, Chief Executive Officer of Panasonic Avionics Corporation**, added: "Panasonic has provided Interjet with inflight entertainment (IFE) solutions since 2010 and this announcement is testament to the

ongoing partnership. eXO provides a lightweight and fully integrated system that gives high-growth airlines like Interjet the opportunity to scale the technology as necessary. Combined with

The powerful combination of broadband Wi-Fi and market leading inflight entertainment, Interjet will be able to enhance the onboard experience for its passengers."

Headquartered in Mexico City, Interjet serves over 11 million passengers each year with routes in Mexico as well as the United States, Canada and Central and South America providing air service to 54 destinations in eight countries. It operates a fleet of 76 aircraft and has revenue of more than 1 billion dollars per year. With Panasonic, Interjet will be able to offer a premium, connected entertainment experience across international markets

and one of the most extensive domestic route structures available from airlines in the region.

Panasonic's connectivity service will let passengers surf the web, send email, and use their favorite social media apps like Instagram, WhatsApp, and more over inflight broadband Wi-Fi.

eXO is one of the industry's most innovative overhead solutions. It features Panasonic's new large-format 12-inch 1080p retractable overhead monitors, and gives Interjet a path to deliver wireless streaming to passenger devices in the future. It creates a theater-like experience allowing passengers to view high definition video content on large-format

Corsair International amongst the early launch partners for SkyLights' new AlloSky VR headset



To accompany Corsair's service upgrade and fleet-wide business class installation, the airline will soon go one step further in the high quality service it offers to its passengers. Through a new partnership with immersive entertainment specialist,

SkyLights, the airline will offer its business class passengers cutting-edge entertainment in 2D, 3D and 180°. By engaging in SkyLights' early-access launch program for its 2nd generation solution, Corsair will be among the first on the world stage to deploy the new AlloSky VR headset. The AlloSky headset enables passengers to watch content in full HD (1080p) and has dioptric correction to cater to the eyesight of all. The weight and size have been reduced by 60% compared to its predecessor, the Bravo Theatre, ensuring maximum comfort for a lie-back-and-relax experience. The new solution also offers a widened content catalog thanks to SkyLights' recently announced partnerships with Warner Brothers,

National Geographic and BBC, in addition to existing partners 20th Century Fox, DreamWorks and Lionsgate. **A unique entertainment offering Corsair chose to partner with SkyLights to propose its clients a new form of entertainment: immersive cinema. With SkyLights, passengers are transported to their own, private, movie theater where they can enjoy the latest 2D and 3D films in total isolation from the noise of the cabin. It is a truly innovative experience that promises travellers a unique and memorable flight.**

Through the deployment, Corsair intends to strengthen its service upgrade by bringing a premium and high quality entertainment experience to its clients.

NEWS



Australia's Royal Flying Doctor Service (RFDS) Uses Pratt & Whitney Canada's FAST™ Prognostics Solution to Enhance Air Operations

FAST now installed on six RFDS South Eastern Section P76A-powered King Air aircraft with more installations planned for the unique prognostic solution

Australia's famed Royal Flying Doctor Service South Eastern (RFDS SE) Section is adopting Pratt & Whitney Canada (P&WC)'s FAST™ (Full flight data Acquisition, Storage and Transmission) prognostic solution to help optimize its operations, reduce costs, increase the availability of its fleet of Beechcraft King Air aircraft and bring new efficiencies to their aeromedical organization through predictive and preventive maintenance. P&WC is a subsidiary of United Technologies Corp. (NYSE:UTX).

“The FAST engine health management solution is ideally suited to the RFDS, a long-time P&WC customer that continues to raise the bar as an adopter of digital technologies to support their life-saving missions and enhance its operations,” said Tim Swail, Vice President, Customer Programs, P&WC. “We are committed to delivering tailored, data-driven services to our customers that drive greater engine and aircraft availability, reduce costs, and help optimize their maintenance environment.”

The FAST solution, under P&WC's expanding suite of digital engine services, continues to enhance engine and aircraft “connectivity” through its ability to provide situational awareness about engine health, usage and trends. It captures, analyzes and wirelessly transmits high-density, full-flight data after each mission for over 2,000 P&WC engines.

In April 2015 three of the RFDS SE Section's aircraft were equipped and utilized as sample aircraft to enable P&WC's FAST technology to be certified for Beechcraft King Air aircraft. Since final certification in May 2017, another three aircraft have been equipped and there are plans in place for several more installations of the FAST solution in 2018. “With the FAST solution we can now understand more about how our aircraft operate, be more efficient and provide a better experience for patients in the Australian Outback,” said David Charlton, General Manager of Aviation and Strategic Development, RFDS SE Section. “We greatly value the opportunity to collaborate with P&WC because solutions like the

FAST system help keep us at the forefront of safety and innovation in the Asia Pacific aeromedical sector.”

P&WC's FAST solution is available for numerous aircraft platforms in general aviation, regional airlines, business jets and helicopters. Other recent enhancements to FAST include propeller vibration trend monitoring for regional airline customers, enabling on-board event detection and crew alerts, turbine blade creep counting, as well as automated power assurance checks for helicopter operators. P&WC will be at NBAA, booth N2133. Interested operators are invited to drop by the booth to speak with a marketing or customer service representative.

100,000 Reasons To Go Beyond
P&WC reached a significant milestone in

April 2017, when it produced its 100,000th engine, a testament to the company's longevity and leadership in the global aerospace market. P&WC will celebrate this achievement throughout the year, recognizing all families of products as well as dedicated employees and loyal customers who, together, have marked the many accomplishments of its journey.

About Pratt & Whitney Canada
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Royal Flying Doctors



CANADA

International Trade Minister to promote Canada's progressive trade agenda at World Trade Organization meeting in Morocco

Marrakesh, Morocco - Global Affairs Canada

Progressive trade is about making trade work for people, for middle-class Canadians to provide for their families and build their future prosperity.

Canada's vision for the future of the World Trade Organization (WTO) is one where the global trading system reflects an inclusive, progressive approach that puts the middle class front and centre by incorporating issues like gender and the needs of micro-, small and medium-sized enterprises. One that will ensure the benefits of trade are more equitably distributed among all WTO members and, more importantly, the people who should benefit the most.

On October 9 and 10, 2017, the Honourable François-Philippe Champagne, Minister of International Trade, will participate in the WTO meeting in Marrakesh, Morocco.

The meeting will be the third, and last, gathering of trade ministers before the WTO's 11th Ministerial Conference in Buenos Aires, Argentina, in December 2017.

While in Marrakesh, Minister Champagne will also meet with several of his counterparts to discuss Canada's continued support for the multilateral trading system and the Canadian progressive trade agenda. Minister Champagne will also meet his Moroccan counterpart and pursue opportunities for more trade and investment that will help create good middle-class jobs for Canadians.

Quotes

"The WTO plays a central role in guaranteeing and maintaining the rules-based trading system we all depend on for our collective prosperity. We must keep pace with evolving technologies, demographic trends and consumption patterns if we are all to ensure that this system works for developed and developing countries alike. I look forward to discussing new opportunities for collaboration with my counterparts in order to make trade more responsive to the needs of entrepreneurs and small-business owners, in particular women."

- François-Philippe Champagne, Minister

Ontario Lowering the Cost of Transit

Province Cutting Cost to Ride the TTC in Half for People Paying to Ride GO Transit and UP Express

Ontario is lowering the cost of commuting for people in the Greater Toronto and Hamilton Area (GTHA) by introducing a 50 per cent discount for PRESTO card users who transfer between GO Transit or the Union Pearson Express (UP Express) and the Toronto Transit Commission (TTC), in both directions.

Premier Kathleen Wynne was at Union Station in Toronto today to announce that adult, senior and youth/student TTC riders will pay a TTC fare of just \$1.50 when they use a PRESTO card to transfer to or from GO Transit or the UP Express. The discount will launch in January 2018, shortly after the Toronto-York Spadina Subway Extension will begin service to six new stations. For people whose regular commute includes GO/UP Express-TTC transfers, this step towards regional fare integration and more affordable transit options will save about \$720 per year.

The new discount builds on a number of recent actions the government has taken to save people money, including a tax credit for seniors who use public transit, steps to make buying or renting a home more affordable and reducing residential electricity bills by 25 per cent on average. Making public transit more convenient, available and affordable is part of

Ontario's plan to create fairness and opportunity during this period of rapid economic change. The plan includes a higher minimum wage and better working conditions, free tuition for hundreds of thousands of students, easier access to affordable child care, and free prescription drugs for everyone under 25 through the biggest expansion of medicare in a generation

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PRESTO adult, senior, student and youth riders will pay \$1.50 for the TTC portion of their combined TTC and GO or UP Express journey.

More than 50,000 daily trips include transfers between the TTC and GO Transit or UP Express.

More than 3 million people have activated PRESTO cards, which can be used on 10 transit systems in the Greater Toronto and Hamilton Area (GTHA), plus OC Transpo in Ottawa.

The subway extension from Sheppard West to Vaughan Metropolitan Centre will have six new stations, including York University.

Eight other GTHA municipal transit systems offer discounts on GO Transit linked trips.

QUOTES

Just how interconnected our region is, and making it as easy as possible for "We're building transit across Ontario to help people get where they need to be. But the cost of commuting can add up quickly. Making it more affordable to hop on the TTC is going to save people money and make the journey that much easier. It's about delivering a seamless transit system that recognizes people to get where they're going."

Kathleen Wynne, Premier of Ontario

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South Africa women qualify for RWC Sevens

South Africa's women have made it through to their third Rugby World Cup Sevens tournament as African champions, becoming the 16th team to confirm their place at next year's event in San Francisco, on 20-21 July 2018. Coach Renfred Dalzel's side were unbeaten at the Rugby Africa Women's Sevens Championship, which doubled as the regional

RWC Sevens qualification tournament, overcoming main rivals Kenya 17-12 in a thrilling, see-saw final in the town of Jemmal, near Monastir in eastern Tunisia. Both finalists topped their respective pools with three wins apiece, Kenya qualifying for the knockout stages as number-one seeds thanks to their superior points tally, but the

defending champions prevailed when it mattered most to take the regional crown for the fifth year in a row. On day one, South Africa cruised past Morocco (43-0) and Uganda (23-0) either side of a tough encounter against hosts Tunisia (17-7) to enter the knockout stages high on confidence



Japan celebrates two years to go until Rugby World Cup 2019

A nationwide roadshow will be launched today as Japan celebrates two years to go until Rugby World Cup 2019.

With anticipation and excitement building across the host nation, the Webb Ellis Cup visited Mount Fuji for the iconic image that will be liked and shared around the world.

And today, the cup will be unveiled this morning to the public at Shibuya 109 one of central Tokyo's busiest and most recognisable landmarks kicking off a 46-day tour of the host nation.

From Sapporo City in the north to Kumamoto in the south, from Fukuoka to Kamaishi and many more places in between, the cup will be the guest of honour as this exciting festival travels the length and breadth of Japan. In all, the following prefectures will be visited: Tokyo, Saitama, Oita, Shizuoka, Iwate, Kumamoto, Osaka, Aichi, Hyogo, Fukuoka, Sapporo and Kanagawa.

The festival will reach a fitting climax at the international stadium in Yokohama, coinciding with the Japan v Australia match on 4 November, almost two years to

the day before the Rugby World Cup 2019 final is played at the very same venue.

The festival will encourage the sports-loving nation to connect through rugby, create lasting memories and celebrate the hosting of what will be the biggest sporting event to be held in the Land of the Rising Sun for nearly 20 years. World Rugby Chairman Bill Beaumont said: "Two years to go is an exciting milestone for people in the host nation and fans around the world and I am delighted that Japan is marking it with a special nationwide festival that will engage and inspire people the length and breadth of the host nation."

"It also represents an important time in preparing for what is one of the world's biggest and best-loved major sports events. Later this year, we will announce the match schedule and launch details of the ticketing programme, events that will enable teams and fans to truly start to plan their Rugby World Cup 2019 experience."

Japan has captured the imagination of

fans around the world and with up to 400,000 international visitors anticipated to visit Japan during the 48-day tournament, the family of official supporter tour providers will be announced by World Rugby and STH tomorrow.

It is also anticipated that the match schedule and ticketing programme will be announced before the end of the year, meaning that fans will be able to plan their Rugby World Cup 2019 experience in earnest.

Beaumont added: "Japan 2019 will be a tournament that has teams and fans at heart. It will be special. It will be groundbreaking and it will be the catalyst for rugby growth across Asia."

With a goal of attracting and retaining one million participants in Asia by the time Japan 2019 kicks off, World Rugby, Asia Rugby, and the JRFU are delivering initiatives that support that aim via the ambitious Impact Beyond 2019 programme
www.rugbyworldcup.com/2ytg-assets.