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Southwest Pilots Ratify New Labor Contract After 4+ Years of Talks

Southwest Airlines pilots have voted by an 84%-16% margin to ratify a new labor contract, ending more than four years of sometimes contentious negotiations.

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Air Astana Takes Delivery of Its First A320neo

Air Astana, Kazakhstan's flag carrier, has taken delivery of its first A320neo at



Emirates Moves To An All Airbus A380 and Boeing 777 Fleet

The average age of the Airbus A330 and

Airbus headquarters in Toulouse in the presence of airline executives and government officials.

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Turkish Airlines Posts 9-Month \$463 Million Net Loss

The Turkish flag carrier said political and economic instability (especially in Europe and Middle East)—as well as the increased perception of global and regional risks—had a negative impact on aviation demand and placed pressure on yields.

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A340 aircraft phased out from the fleet is 16.5 years- a figure which is well below the industry standard retirement age of 25 years.

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American Airlines Pilot Instructors Approve Five-Year Contract

The Transport Workers Union, representing the 330 Flight Crew Training Instructors and Simulator Pilot Instructors at American Airlines, announced that its members approved a new five-year contract, including industry-leading pay, which goes into effect on November 21.

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The 6th China Aviation Industry Summit 2016

The forum intends to prompt the major special projects of China's commercial aircrafts, share insights for latest technology trend....

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The Future of Air Transport 2016

Join us for Marketforce's 24th annual Future of Air Transport. Expand your horizons alongside 200 senior aviation professionals.

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Modern Airports Africa

Join to find out more about Africa's airport developments and new projects.



How To Turn Qualified Pilots Into Competent Pilots

The European Aviation Safety Agency is working with airlines on a pilot training course that leads to an enhanced qualification. This is being done because the present system produces pilots with licences that make them legally qualified to fly, but half of whom – according to the airlines – are not good enough.

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What Does A Trump Presidency Mean For US Air Transport?

Trump will face a number of pending international air transport issues, barring 11th hour actions by the lame duck administration of president Barack Obama.

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US Preclearance Facilities To Be Offered In Sweden

On November 4, an agreement to set up preclearance was signed in Stockholm by the US ambassador to Sweden, Azita Raji, and Sweden's interior minister, Anders Ygerman.

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MILITARY & DEFENCE



India To Buy Rescue Aircraft From Japan For \$1.5-\$1.6 Billion

It would be one of Japan's first sales of military equipment since Prime Minister Shinzo Abe lifted a 50-year ban on arms exports and it reflects growing defense ties between the two countries.

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China Reveals World's Most Powerful Combat Spy Drone

A new Chinese high-tech spy drone has been revealed at a military air show. The plane - codenamed CH-5 - is reportedly being dubbed the "world's most powerful" unmanned aerial vehicle (UAV).

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Singapore to Buy Airbus and Boeing Helicopters

The defense ministry would buy H225M medium-lift helicopters from Airbus and CH-47F heavy-lift helicopters from Boeing, it said. Its current fleet is more than 20 years old.

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DARPA Banks on Robot Copilots to Help Quell Military Pilot Shortage

DARPA is making headway on two different concepts for robotic copilots that would be able to autonomously operate aircraft and offer advice to the human pilot onboard.

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Bombardier Global 7000 Aircraft Successfully Completes First Flight

This first flight marks the start of a flight test program for the newest member of Bombardier's flagship Global aircraft family, which is scheduled to enter into service in the second half of 2018.

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Airbus Sold 19 Jets in October

After a relatively quiet month, Airbus maintained a lead against U.S. rival Boeing in gross orders but fell behind once cancellations are included. Boeing posted 566 gross orders and 457 net orders between January 1 and November 1.

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GENERAL AVIATION



FlexSys and Aviation Partners Display Morphing Wing

Winglet specialist Aviation Partners Inc. (API) and joint-venture partner FlexSys are working with an undisclosed customer to retrofit an aircraft with the first commercial morphing wing.

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Long-Looming Pilot Shortage May Be Near

Simulation and training company CAE points out that US regional carriers, seen as a source of pilots by the majors, cannot expand and often have to drop schedules or routes because they cannot crew their aircraft.

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ACCIDENTS & INVESTIGATIONS



F-35 Fighter Bursts Into Flames During Mid-Air Training Flight

The United States military is investigating



Tigerair A320 Makes Macau U-Turn Due to Engine Fault

A Tigerair Airbus A320 had to return back

a fire that erupted during a mid-air training flight of one of its latest generation fighter jets.

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to Macau on 8 November, following an engine problem.

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First CFM56-5C Engine Flies More Than 100,000 Flight Hours

“The outstanding reliability of the CFM56 is once again demonstrated by this number of flight hours,” says Bernhard Krueger-Sprengel, Head of Engine Services at Lufthansa Technik.

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CFM to Offer LEAP-1C Maintenance Training in Guanghan

CFM International will begin offering line maintenance training for the LEAP-1C engine at its Aero Engine Maintenance and Training Center (AEMTEC) located in Guanghan City.

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PILOT'S TRAINING



CAE Celebrates the Training of Ryanair's 2,000th Cadet

CAE and Ryanair celebrated the success of CAE's initial type-rating training program for the European airline and the training of the 2,000th Ryanair cadet trained at CAE's training centre in Amsterdam.

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Jeppesen Helps Design New University Flight Dispatch Program

Jeppesen, a Boeing Company, and TSI, University of Applied Sciences in Riga, Latvia, have teamed to develop a professional Flight Dispatch / Flight Operations Training program.

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Ryanair Uses FSTDs to Help Pilots Train Themselves

Most airline pilots approach their annual recurrent training simulator time with apprehension. They perceive the exercise to be more about testing than training or learning.

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