

What's Up

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America West

America West Holdings Corporation and its wholly owned subsidiary, America West Airlines, Inc., announced that their boards of directors have extended for two years the contract of William A. Franke. The corporations' Chairman, President, and CEO now faces a termination date of December 31, 2002, rather than the previous one of the last day of this year.

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America West Airlines announced that it will begin service between Phoenix and Bradley International Airport on April 1. The new service will consist of one daily nonstop roundtrip flown in the Airbus A319, which features 12 first class and 112 coach seats. Bernie Han, senior vice president, planning, said, "We're excited about providing service to this new market. With the addition of Hartford, New England's second-busiest airport, America West will serve all the major business destinations in the Northeast."

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American

The airline announced a number of changes in its organization and executive roster. Robert W. Baker, a 31-year veteran of American and current Executive Vice President - Operations, was appointed Vice President and will become part of a newly established Office of the Chairman. Appointed as Executive Vice President - Operations was the Senior Vice President - Finance and Planning and Chief Financial Officer, Gerald J. Arpey, who will be responsible for Maintenance and Engineering, Flight, Operations Planning, Purchasing, Corporate Real Estate, AA Cargo, and American Eagle. Daniel P. Garton received the nod as Executive Vice President - Customer Service, and will oversee Domestic Field Operations and the International Division, along with Miami, the Caribbean, and Latin America. Michael W. Gunn will fill the post of Executive Vice President - Marketing and Planning, and will be concerned with all of the current Marketing functions, as well as International Planning and Alliances, Capacity Planning, Fleet Planning, and Corporate Communications. Others who will report to the Office of the Chairman are Thomas J. Kiernan, Senior Vice President - Human Resources; Anne H. McNamara, Senior Vice President and General Counsel; and William K. Ris, Jr., Senior Vice President - Government Affairs. "These changes will make American Airlines stronger, more effective and more responsive to the challenges that are ahead as we implement the Airline Leadership Plan," said Donald J. Carty, chairman and CEO, "and they recognize both the enormous complexity of our business and the impressive breadth of executive talent we are fortunate to have in our organization."

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Atlantic South-east

The wholly owned subsidiary of Delta Air Lines has named Richard McAdoo as Vice President - Corporate Safety and Compliance. He will assume his new post at the company's general offices in Atlanta on January 18, and will report to ASA President Skip Barnette. A former career officer in the United States Navy, McAdoo has previously served as Director of Flight Safety and Quality Assurance at US Airways, held senior corporate safety positions with US Airways Shuttle, provided oversight of the US Airways Express carriers, and served as Director of Flying and Assistant Director of Air Carrier Operations for Piedmont Airlines (formerly Henson Airlines).

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Atlantic Southeast Airlines began nonstop jet service between Manchester, N.H. and Atlanta. Utilizing the 50-passenger Canadair Regional Jet, ASA's twice daily service departs in the morning and late afternoon.

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Continental

The airline has acquired a minority ownership stake in the Florida-based and privately held regional carrier Gulfstream International Airlines. The two carriers have had a successful code-sharing arrangement since 1997 involving Continental's global system and Gulfstream International's routes in Florida, the Bahamas, and the Caribbean. The regional airline, which operates a fleet of Beechcraft 1900s, also has code-share agreements with other carriers that are unaffected by the Continental investment.

(PRNewswire, Dec. 30)

Continental Express

The regional airline subsidiary of Continental Airlines plans to begin new service between Hamilton, Ontario and its hub in Cleveland on March 2. The three daily flights will offer the carrier's passengers an alternative to Toronto's Pearson International Airport.

(PRNewswire, Dec. 27)

Delta

The carrier began codeshare service on AeroMexico's Saturday-Sunday, MD-87 service between Atlanta and Cozumel, Mexico on January 8. Delta will also start to fly nonstop between Atlanta and Cancun on January 31 in a service that will complement existing AeroMexico codeshare service between the two points. Under the current Delta-AeroMexico alliance, in place since 1994, Delta codeshares on 150 daily AeroMexico flights from 9 U.S. gateways and 22 Mexican cities.

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Delta and South African Airways announced that the DOT has approved their application for Delta to codeshare on South African Airways service between both Atlanta and New York - JFK and Cape Town and Johannesburg. The daily service from South Africa begins on January 30, while the service from Atlanta and New York starts the next day.

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Frontier

The carrier said it signed a Letter of Intent to lease four B-737-300s from GE Capital Aviation Services. Two aircraft will enter service in February to add flight frequencies on already established routes. Another will be used in April to replace a plane that is being returned to its lessor.

The fourth plane is scheduled for arrival in May, and will either add flight frequencies or a new market to the airline's route system. Frontier's current fleet of 20 aircraft has an average age of 10 and a half years, and consists of 13 B-737-300s and seven B-737-200s.

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Mesa Air

Mesa Air Group, Inc. announced several changes in their management structure. Kay Chisholm was promoted to Vice President of Customer Service/Airport Operations, replacing Greg Stephens, recently appointed President of Air Midwest, a wholly-owned subsidiary of Mesa Air Group. David Trumble joined the airline as Director of Communications and will also have responsibility for investor relations. Lorin Carr joined Mesa as Director of Properties and Facilities to replace the retiring Gene Hansen. "As Mesa continues to expand its operations, we have the ability, and the need, to add experienced and talented people to our management team. These individuals exemplify the Company's commitment to attract and hire the best employees both inside and outside the airline industry," said Jonathan Ornstein, Mesa Chairman, President, and Chief Executive Officer.

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Midway

The carrier said that it has settled a pending lawsuit with the lessor of four Fokker F100s that were formerly operated by Midway. Under the agreement Midway paid \$2 million to the lessor and will receive approximately \$1.3 million from the lessor to resolve various disputes between the companies. Also, Midway will make a prepayment of \$1.3 million toward outstanding debt owed to the lessor, and has obtained an option for early termination of four other aircraft leases. If Midway exercises any of the options, the leases on those four other F100s will terminate during the first half of next year instead of during the winter of 2003/04, and will cost the carrier about \$2.125 million each.

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Northwest

The airline filed a lawsuit in federal court against the flight attendants' union and its officers, accusing them of conducting a "sickout" to assert pressure during contract negotiations. Northwest, which said it has had to cancel more than 300 flights since December 30, asked for an immediate restraining order to be able to provide "adequate and reliable service" to its customers. Teamsters Local 2000 President Billie Davenport disputed the company's charges. "We have advocated and spoken out to our members on many occasions encouraging them not to participate in any illegal activities."

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Northwest announced the naming of Thomas Momchilov to the newly created position of senior Vice President — Human Resources, which will report directly to President and CEO John Dasburg. Momchilov, who will handle Northwest's worldwide human resources functions, including staffing and training, benefits administration, compensation, diversity, and employee relations, is currently corporate Vice President — Human Resources for Reynolds and Reynolds, an information management company based in Dayton, Ohio.

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In anticipation of bilateral talks between the U.S. and Great Britain, Northwest filed an application with the DOT for nonstop service to London - Heathrow from both Detroit and Minneapolis/St. Paul. "It is our understanding that during these meetings the U.S. and the United Kingdom will consider entering into a limited new accord," said Elliott Seiden, Northwest Vice President — Government Affairs. "Should such negotiations transpire, we have asked the U.S. to secure sufficient new rights to enable Northwest to implement nonstop Detroit-Heathrow and Minneapolis/St. Paul-Heathrow service."

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Southwest

The carrier announced that it will begin daily service from Albany (New York) International Airport in May. Southwest, which will occupy two gates at the Albany airport, will unveil its fares and flight schedules from the city later this month. Herb Kelleher, CEO, president, and chairman of the board, said, "As the gateway to New York's capital region, Albany International Airport fits perfectly into Southwest's network of cities. The timing of our announcement has been made possible by the availability of the airport's accessible new facilities..."

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Southwest named Greg Crum to the post of vice president of flight operations and chief pilot, replacing the retired Paul Sterbenz. He will supervise the flight operations department, which includes pilots, flight dispatch, crew planning/scheduling/payroll, flight training, and administration.

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United

The carrier announced the appointment of Stephen J. Morrisey to the position of Director of Public Affairs for its East Region, effective January 10. Morrisey, who will lead United's legislative efforts throughout the eastern U.S., comes to his new post from the DOT/Office of the Secretary, where he most recently served as a senior adviser to the General Counsel, responsible for providing legal analysis and strategic guidance on regulatory actions, litigation, and other policy matters.

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United Express

Air Wisconsin Airlines Corporation said that it has received permission from the DOT to replace Trans States Airlines in the Tri-Cities, Tennessee to Chicago market. AWAC will fly three daily roundtrips with Dornier 328 turboprop aircraft beginning on February 9.

(Business Wire, Jan. 5)

Atlantic Coast Airlines plans to start regional jet service between Roanoke, Virginia and Chicago - O'Hare as of January 31. ACA will use the 50-seat Canadair Regional Jet to operate the four daily departures. United Express/ACA Chairman and Chief Executive Officer Kerry Skeen said, "We are pleased to be able to ensure the continuation of regional jet flights to Chicago for United/United Express customers in the Roanoke area, as an addition to our service to Washington."

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Atlantic Coast Airlines said that it has received authority from the DOT and the Savannah Airport Commission to expand its schedule of jet service between Savannah, Georgia and Chicago - O'Hare. On January 31, the current two daily roundtrips will increase to four flights from Chicago to Savannah and three return flights.

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World Airways

The carrier announced that the Transport Workers Union had informed it of the rejection of a tentative agreement by World Airways dispatchers. The replacement to the current Collective Bargaining Agreement, that became amendable in July 1999, covers fewer than ten employees. Hollis Harris, World Airways Chairman and CEO said, "We are disappointed by this rejection of the tentative Agreement that we believe is fair and beneficial to both the dispatchers and the Company. We will seek to reopen discussions with the dispatchers on a new Agreement in January 2000."

(PRNewswire, Dec. 30)

World Airways said that it will be operating additional flights for the U.S. Air Force. The Air Mobility Command has requested the airline to operate passenger charter flights from January 28 through April to replace another carrier that had previously been awarded the contract. The additional flying, which will be long-distance trips across the Pacific, is thought to be worth \$13.5 million.

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