



THE WINGS CLUB FOUNDATION

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NEWS

Annual Meeting

The Yale Club Grand Ballroom was once again the setting for the 2019 Annual Meeting of the Wings Club Foundation. Outgoing president Mr. Franklin Pray took the opportunity to reflect on the Foundation’s milestone achievements of the past year, remarking that the Foundation is “well positioned for future growth,” he noted the progress made to expand the international visibility of The Wings Club, highlighting events such as the Dubai luncheon and the first Tokyo luncheon. He also offered his sincere thanks to those who had worked alongside him to make the successes possible.

The Year-in-Review video and the announcement of this year’s Golden Eagles preceded the highly anticipated announcement of Tom Enders, Chief Executive Officer, Retired, Airbus SE, as the recipient of the 2019 Distinguished Achievement Award to be presented at the Awards Gala on Friday, October 18. With the election of new officers, the presidency of The Wings Club Foundation changed hands for the 77th time when David Davenport, President and CEO, Flight Safety International was handed the traditional president’s gavel.

Mr. Davenport’s vision for the upcoming year will be to promote the field of aviation to the youth of tomorrow. He will also focus on refining and improving the many programs currently underway. Mr. Davenport then introduced Ken

Gazzola, Chairman of the Historical and Educational Committee and Past President of the Wings Club and Mylene Scholnick, Senior Advisor at Lenoma and Past President of IAWA. After short introductory remarks, The Wings Club Foundation/IAWA Outstanding Aviator Award was presented to Brigadier General Jeannie M. Leavitt.



David Davenport



Brigadier General Jeannie M. Leavitt



Tom Enders



Exchange of the Gavel





THE WINGS CLUB

A Message From The President

Spring 2019



*D*ear Wings Club Members:

At our recent annual meeting, I had the great honor to be elected as the 77th President of the Wings Club Foundation. I look forward to the opportunity to serve the Foundation and its members.

Thanks to the outstanding work of the Presidents before me and the Board of Governors, the Foundation is in a strong position. We continue to progress in our mission to support aviation related education.

Our specific focus this year will be to promote the field of aviation to the youth of tomorrow. Today's students will be tomorrow's leaders. They will drive the future of our industry.

To meet this objective, we will focus on three key areas. We will expand our annual scholarship program. This will include new scholarships to additional universities. We will also continue to grow the Aerospace on Campus program. This very successful university-level program highlights both technical and management careers in aviation and aerospace. We will be visiting several new campuses in the upcoming year. Finally, we will also explore opportunities to collaborate with other organizations to promote aviation to young people. An example is the NBAA's YoPro program. This initiative brings together and builds ties between young people in business aviation.

We will also continue our rich tradition of presenting outstanding speakers at our monthly Aviation Leader Series luncheons. Our upcoming schedule includes executives from leading aviation companies from around the world. In October, our Annual Awards Gala will again be held at the New York Hilton Midtown. It will be our pleasure to honor Tom Enders from Airbus with the Distinguished Achievement Award.

The success of all of our programs would not be possible without the strong support and engagement of our membership. I look forward to working with you on these initiatives and hope to see you at our upcoming events.

Best regards,

David Davenport

President

The Wings Club Foundation





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Bill Flynn
President and Chief Executive Officer
Atlas Worldwide Holdings, Inc.

Interviewed by:
Joe Anselmo
Editor-in-Chief
Aviation Week Network

Mr. Anselmo opened by asking Mr. Flynn to talk a little about "those amazing growth and profits you have been able to generate over the past few years".

"Between 2010 and 2013 airfreight was flat, but we have had a lot of growth in the last three years. Our biggest growth is domestic and that has been about diversification. We have been able to grow by focusing on the express and e-commerce market. This is largely due to overnight demand and the streaming effect. Most clicks come after 7:00 at night. Customers stream Netflix at night, see something, click and they want it tomorrow." Mr. Flynn also noted that e-commerce has caused their holiday flying to increase, explaining that the peak is no longer just the two weeks before Christmas, but it starts at Thanksgiving and goes to the week after New Year's.

JANUARY LUNCHEON



Joe Anselmo, Bill Flynn



Mandy Martin, John Hicks, Theo Rosario, Jeff Edwards



John Stack, Steve Townes



Nicole Rodieck, Anthony Cimino, Toshie Takenaka, Shannon Sahl



Sharon DeVivo, Frank Pray and the students from Vaughn College





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FEBRUARY LUNCHEON 'Sight' Lecture

Jeff Bezos
CEO, Amazon
Founder of Blue Origin

Interviewed by:
Jeff Faust
Sr. Analyst
Space News

In a point-blank question, Mr. Faust asked “why go to space?”

“One thing I find very un motivating is the kind of plan B argument, when the Earth gets destroyed, we want to be somewhere else. That doesn't work for me.” He continued, “the solar system can support a trillion humans. Then we would have a thousand Mozarts and a thousand Einsteins. Think how incredible and dynamic that civilization would be. If we are going to have that, we do have to go out into the solar system. We have to capture more of the sun's output. We have to use all the resources that are out in space in terms of minerals and not just energy. That is very doable, but we have to get started. The fact of the matter is we don't have forever.”



Frank Pray, Jeff Bezos



James Meyler, Bronagh Kingston, Gaël Méheust, Robert Craft



Matthew Greene, Tom Fitzsimmons, Tom Connelly, Scott Ashton



David Davenport, Gary Krauthamer, Jeff Bezos, Frank Pray



Wings Club On the Road Dublin, Ireland

John Slattery
President and CEO
Embraer Commercial Aviation
EVP at Embraer S.A.

Interviewed by:
James Meyler
Chief Executive Officer
ORIX Aviation

With the observation that the new joint venture between Boeing and Embraer would be the third largest aircraft manufacturer in the world, Mr. Meyler asked Mr. Slattery to “tell us how this new entity came about.”

“The values alignment between Embraer and Boeing was very close and a meaningful conversation has been going on for the past two years. In fact, dialogue had been going on for eight years since I joined the company. The joint venture provides access to another 400 customers, many of whom Embraer couldn’t access on our own. A lot of these operators around the world want to deal with one manufacturer. Now we can offer customers a combined solution which will improve the MPV (market potential value) for our customer base. For me it was clear that this was the perfect path forward.”



John Slattery, James Meyler



Sold-out crowd in the Grand Ball Room



James Meyler



Aline Slattery, David Kleine



Fiona Regan, Joe Comboy, Ed Connolly





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MARCH LUNCHEON

Tom Vice
Chairman, President
and Chief Executive Officer
Aerion Corporation

Aerion reports that the AS2 will fly at speeds of up to Mach 1.4, or about 1,000 miles per hour, 70 percent faster than conventional business jets. Commenting on Aerion's development of the AS2 a business jet that would be capable of running completely on bio fuels, Mr. Vice said that "we believe that running on biofuels will reduce our CO2 emissions by at least 40 percent." Existing subsonic aircraft use a blend of biofuels and conventional jet kerosene to ensure the quality of the fuel does not harm the engine. Aerion's plane would have an engine designed with seals that could handle the biofuel.



Tom Vice, Evan Spelfogel, David Davenport



Debra Santos, Andi Sims



David Davenport, Audrey Butler, Barry Butler



Paul Floreck, Jim Good, Tom Vice, Matt Mejia, John Stack, Ken Gazzola, David Davenport, Ed Bolen, Lee Sanders



Students from New York University



Aerospace on Campus University of Michigan

Presenting an “Insider’s Perspective” on careers in the Aerospace industry, a delegation comprised of Gregory F. Hall, Executive Vice President, Air Operations FedEx, Greg Hamilton, President *Aviation Week* Network and Graham Warwick, Executive Editor, Technology, *Aviation Week* traveled to the College of Engineering at the University of Michigan to speak with students in Aerospace Engineering.

While on campus, the delegation also had the opportunity to learn about the engagement the University currently has with the industry through research projects, internships, co-op programs and through their Tauber Institute for Global Operations.

Greg Hamilton commented, “Clearly the University of Michigan is delivering a challenging and inspiring environment that will propel their students into our industry ready to solve problems and become leaders.”



Greg Hall, Megan Ferris, Alexix Williams, Vondra Myers



Class room session for group



University of Michigan Campus



Greg Hall, Alexix Williams, Vondra Myers



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Aerospace on Campus Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University

Following welcome remarks from Dr. Barry Butler, President of Embry-Riddle, representatives from Airbus Americas, including alumnus and Chairman and CEO Jeffrey Knittel, participated in a panel discussion allowing students to interact with leaders and employees of one of the world's leading aerospace firms.

Focusing on career exploration and evolution within the aviation industry, the event also featured Airbus Vice President for Research and Technology Amanda Simpson, as well as alumnae Melody Bruce, a level III stress engineer at Airbus' Empennage In-Service Repair department, and Kim Friedle, principal engineer at the firm's Mobile Engineering Center.

Challenging students to "Think Macro" and define their own success, Mr. Knittel noted "when I look back on my career, most of the pivotal moments happened alongside people from Embry-Riddle."



Chad Stearns, Jeffrey Knittel, Melody Bruce, Kim Friedle



Chad Stearns, Kim Friedle, Melody Bruce, Jeffrey Knittel



*Melody Bruce,
Kim Friedle*



Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University



Chad Stearns, Jeffrey Knittel



Brigadier General Jeannie M. Leavitt

Recipient of the 10th Annual Wings Club/IAWA Outstanding Aviator Award

Recognizing significant achievements that contribute to the advancement of aeronautics and aviation, the Wings Club Foundation/IAWA 2019 Outstanding Aviator Award was presented to Brigadier General Jeannie M. Leavitt at The Wings Club Foundation’s Annual Meeting.

“My focus has consistently been on performance rather than timing,” said Brig. Gen. Leavitt. “I wanted to be the best fighter pilot I could be – my timing made me the first, but I have always strived to be the best.”

Timing, determination, hard work and taking advantage of the many opportunities provided by the Air Force made the Brigadier General “the first” in a number of instances:

- In 1993, she became the first female fighter pilot flying the F-15E Strike Eagle.
- In 1998, Brig. Gen. Leavitt was the only female fighter pilot to graduate from the prestigious United States Air Force Weapons School.
- In 2012, she was selected to become the first female fighter wing commander for the 4th Fighter Wing, Seymour Johnson Air Force Base, North Carolina.
- In 2016, she became the first and highest-ranking female to serve as the 57th Wing Commander at Nellis Air Force Base, Nevada, the Air Force’s most diverse flying wing.



Mylene Scholnick, Brig. Gen. Leavitt, Ken Gazzola



Brig. Gen. Leavitt, David Davenport, Craig Jenks and the students from New York University.



Presentation of the award



Brig. Gen. Leavitt, Kathy Ruiz, David Davenport

David Davenport, Brig. Gen. Leavitt



10th Annual Outstanding Aviator Award



Brig. Gen. Leavitt



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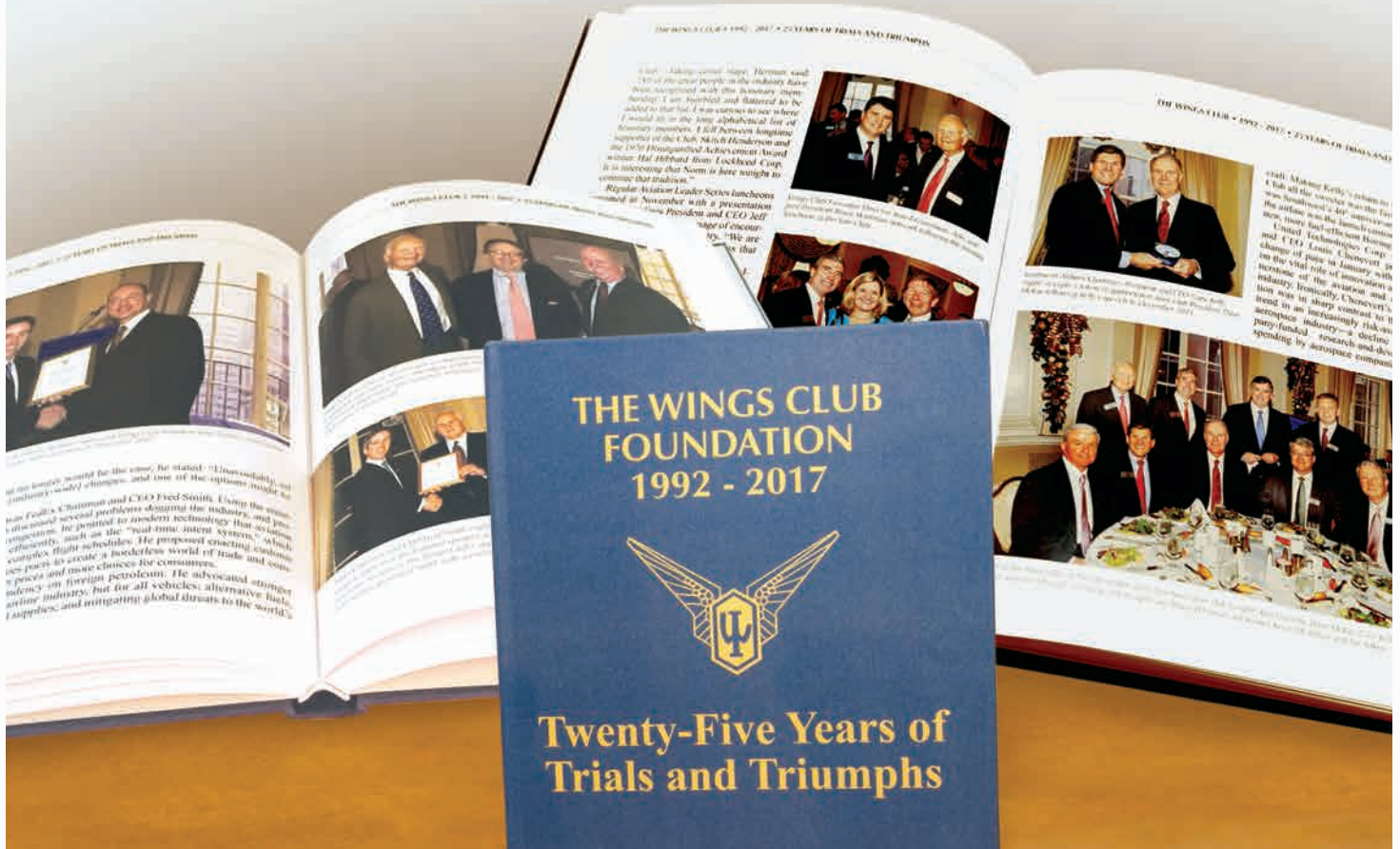
Annual Meeting






We are pleased to announce that the third book in a series which chronicles the storied history of the Wings Club has been published. Written in 25-year increments, the latest edition covers the years of 1992 – 2017. The book not only provides an overview of a tumultuous time in the worldwide aviation industry, but delivers an insider’s view of the people, programs, and events that propelled the evolution of the Wings Club into the Wings Club Foundation.

The book is a valued addition and memento for all those with an affinity for aviation and its historical significance. We invite you to order your copy today by calling The Wings Club Foundation at +1 212.867.1770, or by emailing wingsclub@aol.com. The book is priced at \$49.00.




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SAVE THE DATE

June Luncheon

June 26, 2019
The Yale Club
Speaker: TBD

September Luncheon

September 26, 2019
The Yale Club
Speaker: Pieter Elbers,
President and CEO
KLM

Annual Awards Gala

October 18, 2019
New York Hilton Midtown
Distinguished Achievement Award
Recipient: Tom Enders, Chief
Executive Officer, Retired, Airbus SE

November Luncheon

November 14, 2019
The Yale Club
Speaker: Robert Isom, President
American Airlines Group and
American Airlines

December Luncheon

December 12, 2019
The Yale Club
Speaker: Gary Kelly, Chairman of
the Board and CEO
Southwest Airlines

