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**Highlights from the Director**

Making travel plans? You may have been reading lately about more and more airlines being less and less customer friendly even when charging high fares and not offering non-stop flying to your favorite destination. At your hometown airport, St. Petersburg-Clearwater International (PIE), we've bucked the trend by offering a quality travel experience exclusively on low fare airlines that offer non-stop flights.

Since 2006, we have **tripled** the number of non-stop destinations we serve with low-cost service to cities in the Midwest, Northeast, Southeast, Canada, and charters to the Keys and the Caribbean. You won’t find these deals on the latest web travel search engine, so here’s our tips for your summer travel planning.

With the arrival of Allegiant Air, new destinations continue to attract travelers to very convenient, low-cost flights. Allegiant Air flies non-stop to cities not served by other Tampa Bay airports, giving you “your hometown connection”. Imagine arriving at the airport and just a few hours later you’re picking up your bags in Allentown heading for the Pocono Mountains, in Des Moines to visit relatives, or Chattanooga ready for white water rafting! Allegiant Air offers you 14 non-stop destinations with more to come.

Looking to hit the big cities? Fly USA3000 Airlines, voted third best domestic airline, by Travel+Leisure Magazine’s Readers Poll. USA3000 has consistently provided excellent non-stop, low-cost service to our passengers flying to Chicago, Cleveland, Detroit, Newark, Philadelphia, Pittsburgh, and St. Louis. If you hurry, save $10 off every flight by using the promo code “START”.

As the good news and service to new cities continues to grow, we want to share it with you! Add our website to your favorites – [www.fly2PIE.com](http://www.fly2PIE.com) and if you want to receive announcements on new destinations or discounts on flights directly, just click on the “Subscribe” tab and select Air Service Promotions.

It’s summertime, beat the heat, go to the mountains or see friends and family up north. Fares are low and the flying is easy!

Until next time,
Noah Lagos, A.A.E.

**AIR SERVICE NEWS**

With our expanding air service, the airport is out spreading the good news to the community! The airport participated in the Senior Fun Fest this past April. This senior consumer event was held inside Downtown Clearwater’s Harborview Center and approximately 9,000 seniors attended the two day event.

The Airport continued their community marketing June 1st-3rd at the Taste of Pinellas at Vinoy Park in Downtown St. Petersburg. This event draws over 100,000 people.

**Airline News**

*Allegiant Air* was recently honored with the Federal Aviation Administration's (FAA) Aviation Maintenance Technician (AMT) Diamond Award of Excellence. The Diamond level award is the highest level of achievement in the AMT program and recognizes the airline and its eligible maintenance technicians. Art Jones, Manager for the FAA’s Flight Standards District Office in Las Vegas, said, “this level of commitment demonstrates the company’s leadership in aviation safety and training not only by management, but more importantly by its maintenance technicians who invested the time and effort to further their education.” Thank you Allegiant Air!

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Terminal Project Update

Plans for the first phase of the Terminal Project are currently underway. The plan calls for Gates 2 - 6 to be renovated and expanded. Seating area will be increased and a new food concession will be added. Two new passenger loading bridges will be added to Gates 4 and 5, a new amenity for PIE that will enhance passenger convenience.

The TSA security screening checkpoint will be relocated to allow queuing away from the front door and a new public waiting area will be added. An exciting new public art project is planned for the front lobby wall that will become the focus of the main entry area in partnership with Pinellas County Cultural Affairs Department.

The Ticketing B area will be renovated to add ticket counters and expand security screening checkpoints for Gates 9-12. New amenities will include food and beverage service and a news and gift shop in the post security area.

The Airport is expecting to advertise for bids in late August of this year and construction to begin early January 2008.

EXTERNAL DEVELOPMENT

Externally, passengers will see a new look as the renovations will use extensive glass and introduce a more colorful signature to the airside. Two passenger loading bridges will be added to Gates 2-6.

REAL ESTATE DEVELOPMENT

The Pinellas County Board of County Commissioners approved an airport ground lease with Market Place Hospitality, Inc. (Marketplace) for development of a 120 Room Staybridge Suites Hotel. Marketplace is a hotel management and development company which manages over 40 hotels in the Southeastern US, including names such as Staybridge Suites, Sun Suites, and Crestwood Suites. Their newest location on Ulmerton Road will consist of 2.68 acres on airport property that is adjacent to the Cracker Barrel Restaurant. Staybridge Suites is an extended stay hotel and the newest member of the Holiday Inn chain of hotels with 91 existing locations in 33 states, and 26 additional locations currently under development. The hotel’s anticipated completion is summer 2008.
AIRPORT OPERATIONS & NOISE AFFAIRS UPDATE

For questions about PIE’s Noise Abatement and Mitigation Program, contact the Office of Noise Affairs, (727) 453-7880 or airportnoise@pinellascounty.org

Airport Noise Abatement Task Force

The ANATF is comprised of representatives of the airport, airlines, airport users, the military, and residents of nearby communities, all of whom share a common concern about aircraft noise. Goals of the ANATF are to explore methods of reducing aircraft noise and its impact on residential neighborhoods surrounding the airport and to improve communications between the community and airport users.

All meetings are held bimonthly on Wednesdays at 3:00 P.M. in Airport Conference Room 234 and are open to the public. For updates and information on Noise Affairs, including meeting minutes for the Noise Abatement Task Force, visit www.fly2pie.com/noise.

2007 Upcoming meetings - June 27, August 22, October 24, December 19

On May 1, 2007, the Pinellas County Board of County Commissioners (BCC) approved a resolution recommended by the Airport Noise Abatement Task Force directing the St. Petersburg-Clearwater International Airport to make application to the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) for approval of a new arrival flight path that would reduce aircraft noise over north Pinellas County communities. The proposed procedure enables aircraft to fly over Old Tampa Bay as they approach the airport from the north during favorable weather conditions instead of over residential communities. This procedure may be flown only by air carrier aircraft and is not restricted to daylight hours of operation unlike existing noise abatement procedures. The potential result of this new procedure is a reduction in nighttime noise exposure for communities north of the airport, such as Safety Harbor and Del Oro Groves.

An Airspace Study was commissioned by the BCC in February 2005 to evaluate the existing airspace constraints associated with the Tampa Bay area and to identify and pursue implementation of new or improved approach and departure procedures to reduce aircraft noise exposure on surrounding communities. The Airspace Study was completed by consultant Jeppesen Datanplan, Inc., a leader in the aviation industry since 1934.

While there is no guarantee the new procedure will be approved, the airport is in the process of submitting a formal application to the FAA. The FAA’s review process may take between 12-24 months. United Parcel Service (UPS), as a member of the ANATF, has agreed to serve as the local air carrier sponsor of the application, a requirement of the FAA. The airport will work closely with airlines to promote use of this procedure (if approved) as the FAA prohibits airports from imposing mandatory noise abatement procedures.

St. Petersburg-Clearwater International Airport Firefighters have entered a mutual aid agreement with Tampa Fire Rescue. Members of each department can work and train with the host department. During the “trading places” training, PIE firefighters received additional training with corporate aircraft.

2007 Tony Jannus Awards

For 44 years, the Tony Jannus Award has recognized extraordinary accomplishments in the field of commercial aviation. The award is given by the Tony Jannus Distinguished Aviation Society and is named in honor of the pilot of the first commercial airline flight, which flew from St. Petersburg to Tampa in 1914.

In April, President and Corporate Secretary Colleen C. Barrett, known as the heart of Southwest Airlines, was named the 2007 Tony Jannus Award recipient and the first female to ever receive the award. Barrett will be honored at a luncheon and a dinner banquet on October 25, 2007.

Sponsorships are available for the event which also supports students interested in aviation through college scholarships and an essay contest for students in grades 6-12. The deadline for this year’s essay contest is September 7th. For an entry form and more information on the Tony Jannus Awards and sponsor opportunities, visit www.tonyjannusaward.com or call (813) 248-6500.
AIRCO GOLF COURSE -
A division of the St. Petersburg-Clearwater International Airport

Airco Golf Course opened in 1961, and has been recognized as one of the most notable Par 72, public championship golf courses throughout Pinellas County. Chick Adams, golf course architect, created a golfer’s dream round - highlighting wide open fairways, limited on-course bunkering and forgiving greens. Airco has always been a multi-generational course, with many golfers getting their first taste of the game by playing Airco as a child and now playing with their children and grandchildren.

Airco has some “teeth”, with its four sets of tees, measuring 6,678 yards from the Black Tees, to 4,749 from the Scarlet Tees. The practice facilities have been newly renovated with Tif-Tuf greens and a redesigned practice bunker and chipping area.

Special programs offered at Airco include: Police Athletic League (PAL) Junior Golf Program currently operating 5 days a week in the summer, it reaches 25+ juniors weekly with PGA – “First Tee” sponsored golf instruction, etiquette, rules and golf course management; Airco Golf Course Annual Pass Memberships include: 25% discount on daily green fees, Annual Pass participants will be allowed to bring up to 3 guests per visit and receive a 10% discount off their daily green fee rate; 10% off food items in bar/restaurant and 10% off retail merchandise in the golf shop.

For more information, Contact Airco at 727-573-4653.

PIE welcomes schools, community, adult and youth groups for airport tours.
Contact: Michele Routh at 727-453-7879 or email info@fly2pie.com for more information.

Students from the Louise Graham Regeneration Center in St. Petersburg enjoyed an airport tour, a visit with airport firefighters, and lunch at the Palm Court Restaurant overlooking the airfield.

Palm Harbor Scouts visit to the airport included a tour of UPS operations. Thanks UPS!

AIRPORT COMMUNITY RELATIONS