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Year-End Stats Signal Growth

The 2010 year-end statistics are in, and we have good news: With nearly 400,000 passengers served, Stewart International Airport enjoyed modest growth of about 1.3 percent in air travelers last year. Air cargo grew as well, gaining more than 20 percent over 2009 levels.

The forecast for 2011 indicates we are poised to continue blossoming in both the passenger and cargo sectors. We are projecting a gain of 5 to 10 percent in passenger traffic on the strength of new service in 2011 to Cancun and additional frequencies to Atlanta and Orlando. We are also expecting double-digit growth in cargo, driven by services offered by JetBlue, FedEx, and UPS.

With strong support from the Port Authority Board of Commissioners and the backing of local officials and community leaders, the Port Authority continues to advance initiatives to create jobs and stimulate the mid-Hudson Valley economy. More than half of our airport's construction contracts in 2010 went to local businesses, and we'll keep working to ensure we include local firms whenever and wherever possible. With the promise of a strong year ahead, we look forward to sharing more good news with you soon.

Diannae C. Ehler
GENERAL MANAGER
STEWART INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT

It's 'SWFiesta' for Cancun Flights



Cutting the ribbon for the SWF-Cancun inaugural departure on February 12 are SWF General Manager Diannae Ehler (center, right) and Apple Vacations Senior Sales Manager Gina West. They are joined by (from left) the PA's E.J. Mullins, Mike Torelli, and Greg Reszka; Orange County Deputy Executive James O'Donnell; Dutchess County Regional Chamber of Commerce President and CEO Charlie North; Aviation Assistant Director Ralph Tragale; and SWF Deputy General Manager Derek Martin.

Accompanied by a Mariachi band, senior Port Authority staff members joined local elected officials at Stewart International Airport to celebrate the airport's first nonstop international departure to Cancun, Mexico.

The Apple Vacation charter flights, operated by Allegiant Air, depart every Saturday. On their return, passengers will process through the airport's new interim Federal Inspection Services facility, making SWF truly an international airport.

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“We’re all celebrating because this is really the culmination of a lot of people’s efforts,” Ms. Ehler said. “It’s a partnership between us and many others – local travel agents, the chambers of commerce, Customs and Border Protection, TSA, everybody.”

She added that anyone who’s “tired of all the snow this winter should note there are still a few seats available.”

Citizen Advisory Panel Reorganized to Better Focus on Key Airport Issues

Stewart International Airport’s Citizen Advisory Panel (CAP) recently reorganized to better address two key airport issues – bringing new air services and businesses to the airport and advancing the airport’s sustainability program.

In its first two years, members of CAP held regular quarterly meetings, toured the airport, attended workshops, and met with focus groups and airlines. The two workshop groups are comprised of industry-specific members who will meet a minimum of four times annually. The air service and business development workshop is comprised of local chamber of commerce leaders, travel agents, economic development leaders, frequent travelers, and representatives from local colleges. The sustainability workshop is comprised of leaders representing local environmental groups, utilities, and county planning groups. The workshops will report their findings and make recommendations at semi-annual meetings.

As part of the reorganization, CAP also expanded its geographical reach, and now includes members from Rockland and Putnam counties. Each CAP volunteer workshop member has made a two-year commitment to serve. Local elected officials are invited to the semi-annual CAP meetings.

Historic Cargo Flight at Stewart International Airport

On December 28, 2010, Dubai-based Emirates SkyCargo, the air freight division of Emirates Airlines, set a new record by operating its longest ever nonstop cargo flight – a trip of 17 ½ hours from Sydney to Stewart International Airport. As reported in Air Cargo Week, the 103-ton payload B777 freighter carried a shipment of horses that was estimated to be worth more than the aircraft

Construction Begins on Renewable Energy Plant



In December 2010, Phase I construction began on the Taylor Biomass Energy facility in Orange County in the Town of Montgomery. The new facility will convert area municipal solid waste into electricity, which will be used by Central Hudson Gas and Electric to power about 27,000 homes. Commercial operation of the plant is expected to start in late 2012.

The Taylor facility received a loan guarantee and energy grant funding through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009. The Port Authority also is providing major assistance through the promised purchase of 163,000 megawatts of renewable energy credits (RECs). This commitment will average \$2.4 million a year over the next 20 years.

In addition to supporting the production of renewable energy in the region, the purchase of RECs helps offset the Port Authority’s energy use at Stewart and other locations. The Port Authority also has committed to purchase 20,000 carbon offsets each year, which will advance the agency’s sustainability policy.

itself. The horses were flown in independently controlled air-conditioned zones to ensure maximum comfort and security.

Stewart’s top-notch facilities represent one of only two locations in the United States that offer a U.S. Department of Agriculture Animal Import Center.