

# around the industry

Commercial air transportation's annual contribution to the national economy is \$237 billion, according to a report released recently by the Air Transport Association.

Entitled "The Economic Benefits of Air Transportation," the report details the airline industry's expenditures for employment, supplies and services, taxes and capital expenditures, as well as its economic and social contributions to the nation.

Other beneficial effects noted in the report are:

- Commercial aviation for individuals means job mobility, easy access to friends and families far away, travel to resorts, and a higher standard of living. Approximately .8% of personal consumption expenditures are for air transportation compared with .6% just 15 years earlier, a 33% increase. This growth in expenditures is due to a higher volume of travel rather than increased fares.

- Air transportation enhances the efficiency of all business and government activities by geometrically expanding the radius of all personal contact, communication and supervision of far-flung activities.

- Carriage of the mail and freight is only the beginning of aviation's contribution to the well-being of the community. The mobility of the labor force, the development of tourism, employment by both the airline and aircraft industries are all pluses for the United States. In addition, the ability to airlift emergency supplies to distressed areas and the maintenance of a back-up fleet of aircraft for use by the military in times of national emergency all contribute to the security of the nation.

Finally, the report notes that government and industry are making a concerted effort to solve the aviation system's current capacity problems.

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American plans to discontinue use of its 737 fleet over the next few years. The airline had 31 737s at the beginning of 1988. The airline announced last May orders for 50 757-200s and 20 MD-80s.

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American's parent company, AMR Corp., has purchased Command Airways, a New York-based regional carrier which has been an American Eagle feeder carrier since May 1, 1986. Command has a fleet of 16 aircraft and operates about 135 daily departures from 11 airports.

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American recently said its new nonstop service between Raleigh/Durham and Paris is already operating at a profit due to large cargo loads.

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Eastern and Continental have announced plans to build a new \$162 million terminal at the east end of New York's LaGuardia Airport. The terminal, scheduled for completion in late 1991, will have nine gates and 250,000 square feet, with a direct connection to Eastern's existing shuttle terminal. In addition, a new \$10 million flight kitchen is scheduled for completion next spring.

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Delta has orders and options on 215 Boeing and McDonnell Douglas aircraft valued at an estimated \$9.17 billion. Firm orders are for nine MD-11s and nine 767-300ERs; options, 31 MD-11s and 16 767-300ERs. Additional options are for 100 MD-88s and 50 757-232s. The airline also has pending orders and options for 42 757-200s, 12 767-300s, and 85 MD-88s. All orders and options total 354 aircraft worth more than \$13.3 billion.

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Beginning January 1, members of Pan Am's WorldPass frequent flyer program will be allowed to accumulate mileage for two years. Mileage accrued through the end of 1990 may be used for travel awards until the end of 1993. Travel awards and the mileage levels needed to earn the awards will not change significantly.

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Since 1978, more than 125,000 new jobs have been created in the airline industry, and average compensation for its employees has increased from \$30,000 to \$43,000.

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Aviation Daily reports that KLM's order for 10 Fokker 100s specified that they be wired for microwave landing capability, making the carrier one of the first European carriers to prepare for MLS installation in Europe.



## traffic

	Piedmont				
	Sept. '88	Sept. '87	Change	Year-to-Date	Change
Passengers	2,141,014	1,952,335	+ 9.7%	20,342,657	+ 8.4%
RPMs (000)	1,020,074	881,335	+15.7%	9,775,309	+15.8%
ASMs (000)	1,830,808	1,606,051	+14.0%	16,319,059	+17.1%
Load Factor	55.72%	54.88%	+ 0.84 pts.	59.90%	- 0.67 pts.

\*Record September for passengers, ASMs, and RPMs. Piedmont boarded more passengers during the month of September than any prior September in company history—the 100th month in a row that the company has experienced year-over-year growth in the number of passengers enplaned.

\*Our seven reservations centers answered 2,739,180 calls in September 1988.

	USAir				
	Sept. '88	Sept. '87	Change	Year-to-Date	Change
Passengers	2,835,783	1,999,504	+41.8%	24,121,404	+30.7%
RPMs (000)	1,487,149	1,040,456	+42.9%	12,765,498	+31.2%
ASMs (000)	2,539,094	1,673,248	+51.7%	20,491,672	+38.8%
Load Factor	58.6%	62.2%	- 3.6 pts.	62.3%	- 3.6 pts.

\*Record September for passengers and RPMs.

\*USAir's September traffic results include those of PSA which was merged into USAir on April 9.

## around USAir

USAir recently announced the purchase of its second 737-300 flight simulator from CAE Electronics for delivery in late 1989. Included in the \$8.2 million order is an advanced training device (ATD) and a computer-aided training system (CATS), both of which will aid pilots in aircraft systems training.

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Following some renovations, USAir plans to open a second training school in a vacant elementary school in Moon Township, PA, in four to six weeks. The school was closed last summer because of declining enrollment.

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The USAir Group Board of Directors recently announced the creation of three new corporate management positions.

Juliette C. Heintze, formally treasurer of USAir and USAir Group, was elected vice president-investor relations for USAir Group and subsidiary USAir.

Gordon Linkon was elected vice president-commuter services for USAir Group, and J. Michael Brady was elected vice president-taxes for both USAir Group and USAir. Linkon was most recently president, chairman and chief executive officer of the former Florida Express, and Brady was USAir's vice president-deputy general counsel and secretary.

The Board also approved the elections of Captain Joseph F. McLaughlin as vice president-flying and Michelle V. Bryan to the position of secretary for USAir.

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USAir's 4,000 flight attendants, represented by the Association of Flight Attendants, AFL-CIO, have approved a new contract which includes both the PSA/USAir merger agreement and a new, one-year agreement for all USAir flight attendants. The existing USAir flight attendant contract became amendable on August 31.

Under the terms of the contract, all USAir flight attendants will receive a 3 percent across-the-board pay increase retroactive to September 1. The only exception will be the former PSA B-scale flight attendants, who were more highly paid than their counterparts at USAir. These flight attendants, about 220 in all, will continue to receive their higher wage rate until the USAir B-scale rates reach parity.

Flight attendants at Piedmont also will be granted pay parity with the USAir/PSA employees when Piedmont is merged into USAir.



### on November 1

number of departures: **1,405**  
 miles flown daily: **534,304**  
 ASMs: **64,894,864**  
 number of aircraft in fleet: **195**  
 average aircraft hop: **380.3 miles**  
 daily block time flown: **1,768 hours**  
**58 minutes**  
 next schedule change: **December 1**

Brandon Brown, son of INT Piedmont employee Sylvia Curry, recently carried the torch symbolically beginning the Forsyth County United Way campaign. Hearing impaired since birth, Brown received assistance from the United Way as a child. Despite his impairment, however, he has excelled in sports at his local high school and played on an international soccer team. Brandon was selected to carry the torch as he exemplifies the Olympic spirit that makes champions.



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