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A publication for ABX Air employees, families and friends

DHL Contracts Extended

ATSG recently announced that contracts with DHL have been extended. DHL and Cargo Aircraft Management (CAM) agreed to extend leases on eleven aircraft through March 2022, including four 767-300s and one 767-200 operated by ABX Air. The leases on three other 767-300s operated by ABX Air for DHL already extend into 2023/24.

In addition, DHL, CAM and ABX Air entered into an amended and restated agreement with a term through April 2022. The CMI agreement provides for ABX to operate the aircraft, as well as provide crews, maintenance and insurance services.

The DHL contract extension follows the announcement last December of the expansion and extension of the Amazon leasing and operating agreements.



See the full press release on the [ATSG website](#).

Arriving at ILN: Amazon

Preparations are well underway as Amazon readies the former DHL Sort "F" building to become the next Amazon regional gateway.

Operations are scheduled to start in late June, and will initially include eight nightly flights along with trucks bringing Amazon Prime packages to be sorted and transported to their final destinations. Amazon has been busy hiring and training employees to load and unload aircraft and trucks, as well as sorting the packages. ABX Air is expecting to see a 50% increase in the number of flights dedicated to the Amazon network.



Amazon building renovation nears completion.
Formerly the DHL building.

Silver Wings Awarded to Jeff Constable

Jeff Constable, Project Coordinator, was recently recognized by **Rob Davis**, Director of Maintenance & Technical Services, with the Silver Wings of Excellence Award.

Jeff has on multiple occasions over the last year provided outstanding support during our aircraft heavy maintenance checks. His extensive avionics knowledge and experience has been instrumental in the installation of several major avionics modifications. His onsite presence and troubleshooting ability has greatly reduced our out of service time related to avionic work during heavy checks.

"Jeff has demonstrated outstanding knowledge, leadership, and teamwork during his work. His clear and concise communications with all departments across multiple vendors has been critical to our success," Rob Davis noted. "Jeff's expertise and knowledge is unmatched; but it is his attitude and willingness to go the extra mile that sets him apart from his peers."

Congratulations, Jeff!



Jeff Constable and Rob Davis



EMPLOYEES IN THE COMMUNITY



Raising Funds for Tornado Relief



*National Weather Service
office in Wilmington*

Nineteen tornadoes struck western Ohio on Memorial Day evening and the next day, including an EF4 tornado that tore through the metropolitan area of Dayton, OH. Thanks to early warnings from the Wilmington based National Weather Service Forecast Office, there was only one fatality, in Celina, OH.



To raise funds to help those affected by these storms, the employees of the various ATSG companies held an old-fashioned ice cream social. Over \$1,500 was raised, with one half being donated to the American Red Cross earmarked for the Dayton Tornado Relief, and the other half donated to the ATSG CaREs program which provides assistance to employees affected by catastrophic losses.

*(L to R) - Jerry Nesbitt, ATSG Data Center Technician,
Kym Parks, ATSG Marketing Manager, Tracey Dykes,
ABX HR Generalist, Paul Cunningham, ATSG Corporate
Communication Coordinator*



What is ATSG CaREs?

ATSG CaREs provides help for employees who experience a life event that imposes a severe financial hardship on his or her family.

ATSG employees are known for their willingness to help out in times of need. Whenever tragedy strikes, we receive many calls asking what we can do. The ATSG CaREs fund provides an outlet for those calls and a process to enable a quick and appropriate response to the needs of our employees. Donations go directly to the ATSG CaREs fund, and in turn, to employees in need.

ATSG CaREs is registered with the State of Ohio as a 501(c)(3) organization. Employees of ATSG companies may contribute via payroll deduction simply by completing a Donation Form and returning it to the Payroll Department. The Donation Form is available from Human Resources.

Castle Park II



Catherine Rettich, Manager Customer Support



Stephen Ley, Reliability Analyst

Recently, volunteers from around the Wilmington community, including 70 from ATSG, donated labor to help the City of Wilmington erect a new playground for children. The new structure is designed to look like a castle and replaces the previous structure that was worn out from hard play.



*John Maloney, Vice president,
Flight Operations*

Thanks to everyone who volunteered for this worthy project.

EMPLOYEE MILESTONE EVENTS

Anniversaries

Please join us in congratulating colleagues who are celebrating milestone anniversaries.

May 2019

35 Years

Tanya Woodford, Manager Accounting
Tricia McIntire, Engineering Analyst

30 Years

Mark Wilt, Supervisor Flight Control Training & Standards

20 Years

Ismael Rogers, Line Maintenance Representative (HRL)

15 Years

Steven Miller, Instructor/Auditor
Susan Kalezis, Sr. Flight Support Specialist

5 Years

Teresa Finley, Sr. Crew Scheduler

1 Year

Louis Gomila, Line Maintenance Representative (CLT)



First Officer **Caleb Baethge** with Chief Pilot **Dean Cook**

June 2019

25 Years

Ronald Spendlove, Maintenance Programs Information Technician
Matthew Bailey, Manager, System Control

20 Years

First Officers
John Cunning
Mark Belknap
William Towne

15 Years

Jeremy Irwin, Assistant Dispatcher

5 Years

Andrew Lawter, QC Specialist

1 Year

First Officers
Andrew Pohlman
Caleb Baethge
Lyle Cain
Shadab Nasim



First Officer **Shadab Nasim** with Chief Pilot **Dean Cook**

Retirements

Happy Retirement, Rich Kafka and Tina Reed!



Tina Reed, HR Coordinator/DER and **Rich Kafka**, Manager of Maintenance Programs

Longtime ABX Air employee **Rich Kafka**, Manager of Maintenance Programs, retired after nearly 44 years with the Company. Rich joined Midwest Air Charter (the predecessor of ABX Air) on July 25, 1975. Rich held a number of positions with the Company over the course of his 44-year career. Rich's first job with Midwest was as an A&P Mechanic, followed by Lead, and then Manager of

Stores. During his career he also worked as a Manager in Maintenance Control, and Line Maintenance, before becoming the Manager of Maintenance Programs in 2004.

Tina Reed, Human Resources Coordinator/DER, joined the Company in May 1990. She started as a Casual Sorter and then Part-Time Sorter before moving into the Accounting Office in 1993. In Accounting, she worked in Accounts Payable and General Ledger before joining Human Resources in 1998. In HR, she worked in Workers Compensation and as a Compensation Analyst before becoming a Human Resources Coordinator and Designated Employer Representative (DER) for the FAA Anti-Drug and Alcohol Misuse Program.

**We wish both a long, healthy,
and happy retirement!**

Correction

In the April/May issue of Cargo Express, First Officer **Randall Riesbeck**'s name was misspelled.

We apologize for the error.

MXI Replacing PMI

For the past 24 months, our Aircraft Maintenance personnel along with their counterparts at ATI, CAM, and the ATSG Information Technology Department have been working with a software vendor toward implementation of a new computerized maintenance system called MXI. At ABX, this system will replace PMI.

MXI will bring improved visibility to aircraft spare parts across the organization as well as real time updates on individual aircraft hours and cycles. It will allow all three entities to see in real time the status of available parts in our multiple networks. With MXI, if ABX needs a specific part, ABX can immediately see the available inventory at our sister companies and vice versa.

Rob Davis, ABX Director of Maintenance & Technical Services, said "One of the biggest challenges with this project has been moving our maintenance processes from an analog environment to digital." The MXI project is bringing three different systems together and will allow significant efficiency improvements and improved regulatory compliance. Further down the road, the software vendor is developing an electronic log book that will bring even greater improvements.

MXI is scheduled to go live this October.



Safety Update

- The ABX Occupational Safety Goal is to have an OSHA Reportable Incident Rate of 2.0 or below. So far this year, January through April, we have not experienced an OSHA reportable injury. This is great news, so please keep up the good work to continue this trend. An important aspect of keeping the injury rate low is completion of OSHA trainings as assigned using Adobe Connect.
- ABX recently completed its IOSA Renewal Audit to remain certified on the IOSA registry. The results of the audit cannot be officially released until the IATA review is complete. Nearly 2,000 safety-related questions in Flight, Dispatch, Maintenance, Ground Operations, Security and Organization were

addressed in the audit. ABX has been on the IOSA registry since 2007.



EMPLOYEE DISCOUNTS from BENEPLACE

Looking for a discount on a product or service? Did you know that as an employee of an ATSG-affiliated company you are eligible to receive discounts on hundreds of items? Just visit myabx.com and click on the link for BenePlace. BenePlace is an employee discount marketplace, where hundreds of sellers compete for your business by offering exclusive discounts off regular retail pricing.

You will find discounts on movie tickets, hotels, new cars, ATV vehicles, car rentals, electronics including flat screen TVs just to name a few.

Start saving today.

