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New York Kennedy Funded for A380 Strengthening

Port Authority of New York and New Jersey is investing \$179 million in infrastructure at New York Kennedy to maintain and strengthen runways and taxiways and provide modifications to accommodate the Airbus A380.

Three carriers operating at the airport have placed orders for the aircraft, the port authority said, and plan to operate the aircraft at Kennedy. Three more have A380s on order but have not yet established where they will operate. The aircraft should start commercial service in 2006.

The A380 has two full passenger decks and in a common configuration can seat 550. Some industry officials have expressed skepticism about the number of airports that will be able to handle the aircraft without disrupting other operations. The aircraft's 262-foot wingspan is 50 feet wider than that of the Boeing 747, which until the introduction of the A380 will remain as the largest aircraft in regular commercial service. Debates about the A380 also have revolved around whether passenger terminals will be able to efficiently handle the load.

In March, Jim Fazio, director of operations for Kennedy's Terminal 4, said his terminal already has four gates that can handle the A380. Terminal 4 was built and is operated by the private consortium JFKIST, made up of Schiphol USA, LCOR Inc. and Lehman Bros. Fazio told Airports affiliate Aviation Daily that the terminal handles high-capacity Air-India flights with almost 430 passengers, and some international charters with nearly 500. Gate A7 had two loading bridges in place, and three more have the foundation and power requirements required for a second—same-level-bridge.

As reported April 13, 2004 by Airport Staff Aviation Week

City Plan Massive Waterfront Redevelopment

The booming cruise industry is compelling the city to upgrade its existing New York Cruise Terminal, previously called the Passenger Ship Terminal, and create a new berth on the Brooklyn waterfront. The cruise industry accounts for more than 3,300 jobs and almost \$600 million in economic activity and cruise industry revenue is expected to rise to \$1.2 billion by 2014, according to the NYC Economic Development Corp.

Norwegian Cruise Lines and Carnival Corp., inked letters-of-intent which call for them paying the city at least \$200 million in port charges and bring at least 13 million passengers to the city through 2017. For its part, the city is committing as additional \$150 toward the effort. Earlier this year, the NYCEDC said \$50 million would be spend on immediate improvements including new taxi stands, elevators and escalators.

Both cruise lines have worked with the city on the master planning process, which was created by NYCEDC, in consultation with Bermello, Ajamil & Partners. The plan calls for the creation of four modern cruise ship berths that can accommodate larger ships over the next four years, with an additional expansion in the following 10 years. New terminals will segregate embarking and disembarking passengers onto separate levels. There will also be enhanced security and additional improvements such as a pedestrian bridge across the West Side Highway. The NYCEDC is currently investigating Piers 7 and 12 in Brooklyn as possible berth sites.

"Our cruise terminal has not kept pace with the incredible growth of the industry in the past decade," says EDC president Andrew Alper.

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April 2004

Mark Your Calendars

May 7, 2004
Awards Dinner
The Forge

June 7, 2004
Board Meeting
Location to be
Announced

Sept. 7, 2004
Chapter Meeting
Topic To Be
Announced
The Forge

Sept. 10, 2004
4th Annual
Golf Outing
Gamblers Ridge
Cream Ridge

Sept. 23-25, 2004
Buffalo Conference
Hyatt Regency
Buffalo, NY

October 4, 2004
Chapter Meeting
Topic To Be
Announced
The Forge



Chapter Meetings are the first Monday of the Month @6:30 at The Forge Inn.

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Presidential Specs

The clocks have been set ahead, and the New Jersey Chapter of CSI is jumping ahead as well. So, although we may have lost a little sleep, NJ

CSI hasn't lost any time. Preparations are in place to seat a new board. And things are in motion for our program schedule next year. We still have a need for members interested in participating in chairing or co-chairing committees, or just helping out from time to time. We also welcome member inputs and suggestions for program ideas you may have. We are motivated to provide the best programs and leadership we can, we are here for the benefit of the membership. But without your support and assistance we couldn't deliver, Thanks.

The end of my reign as President is coming to a close and it is a bittersweet time. I feel like a lot more could have been accomplished, but know that a lot of good things have been done, and have begun. We are finishing with ten (10) more members than we started with. We have reinstated the monthly newsletter perSPECtive. We have our own website www.nj-csi.org. We have a balanced budget. We had our first ever CSI Chapter Meet and Greet to promote the New Jersey Chapter and increase membership. And we have a lot of new faces attending our monthly meetings at our new location The Forge.

So, we have had many things to celebrate this year but the fun doesn't stop there. We still have the Annual Awards Dinner Friday, May 7th. This is a time to show our support for the people who have put the programs in place, run the meetings, found the presenters, run the golf outing, and taken care of chapter business so the rest of us can enjoy the benefits of their labor. If you haven't attended a program yet this year you have missed some great opportunities for networking and education, if you have you know the hard work and effort that has gone into our schedule this year. The people that have done the job this year deserve our appreciation; I know that they have earned mine. This is also the time we introduce the new board, and help kick-start the new year.

There are a couple of other things coming up to note. April 20-24 is the Annual CSI Show and Convention in Chicago, September 10th is the Annual NJ CSI Golf Outing, and September is the NER Conference in Buffalo, NY.

In closing I want to thank each and every person who has attended a program meeting or CSI function this year, presented at our program meetings, advertised in the newsletter, supported the golf outing, sponsored the Meet and Greet, or presented a tabletop. It is for the membership that CSI was founded and your participation is what makes to happen. I want to give a special thanks to the board and committee chairs that have supported me this year; I would not be able to write of all the goods things at NJ CSI without you, Thanks.

ReSPECtfully Yours,

Mike Debiak, CSI, CDT



Attention Members!
Run—Don't Walk to Advertise

It is time to prepare for the New Jersey Chapter CSI Newsletter, *PerSpective*, and seek help exploiting our captive audience. Again, there will be ten (10) issues exciting issues next year and sent both via e-mail and snail mail, which is about 2,600 "hits". If you wish to place an advertisement, first come first served, a business card ad will run \$250 for the year, \$500 for a half page and \$900 for full page. Monthly the rates are \$45, \$90, and \$150 respectively. (Please note the newsletter will be published in black and white, with half-tones)

If budgets are tight, you would like to get published, or you have an interesting story to share you can get a FREE business card advertisement for a *perSPECTive* issue by submitting an article.

Please contact michael.debiak@dmjmharris.com for advertising. Each newsletter issue is scheduled to go out the week before the next months meeting (for example the September issue will go out the last week of August). The deadline for articles and advertisements is the first week of the preceding month (for example the deadline of the September issue is the first week of August).

In addition, we are offering an incentive program for tabletops at our monthly meetings. Individual tabletops are \$175 and include one (1) dinner. If you purchase the package of seven (7) tabletops you have the choice of -

- ? Getting seven (7) tabletops for the price of six (6) and a business card ad in the *perSPECTive* for the year (nine (9) issues) – Total Value \$1,475 for **only \$1,050.**
- ? Getting seven (7) tabletops, a business card ad in the *perSPECTive* for the year (nine (9) issues), and a FREE membership in CSI for one (1) year – Total Value \$1,740 for **only \$1,225.**

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F. Scott Fitzgerald



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**N J Chapter
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Awards Dinner

Friday, May 7, 2004

Cocktail Social

Cash Bar

6:30 pm to 7:30 pm

Awards Dinner

7:30 pm to 10:00 pm

The Forge Inn

Route 9 North

RSVP by May 4th

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"To kept NYC's cruise industry thriving, we must invest in its expansion by improving our facilities." The city is also offering number of incentives including fee reductions in exchange for volume and revenue guarantees.

The cruise industry doses not just impact the city and competition for the cruise lines is fierce. Late last year, GlobeSt.com's Eric Peterson reported on the New Jersey city of Bayonne's efforts to revitalize its waterfront and attract cruise lines.

The New York Cruise Terminal, which is located between West 47th and 53rd streets also the Hudson River and includes Piers 88, 90, and 92, was originally constructed between 1932 and 1935. It has not undergone a major renovation since the 1970's.

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