



USAIRE NEWS – SEPTEMBER 2006

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RECENT EVENTS

Sunday, 17 September: Our Southwest Chapter in Toulouse held its 2nd Gers Garden Party at Chateau de Larroque, Gimont (32). Over 50 USAIRE members and guests enjoyed a countryside outing to an authentic local vineyard where the owner (and farmer) offered an open buffet lunch and local product tasting. Typical Gascogne entertainment with prizes concluded the day. This social event is an excellent complement to the more formal business and networking luncheons held periodically. Our Southwest Chapter has increased its membership by 50% in the past year!

NEWS FROM THE BOARD

New members: We welcomed the following Companies during August and September:

ACC La Jonchère	Patrick Laubie	Directeur
Cathay Pacific Airways	Toby Smith	Directeur General France
Hamilton Sundstrand	Fabrice Vauversin	Regional Director, Business Development
Liebherr	Jean-Yves Mazzoleni	Airbus Liaison Manager
Panasonic Avionics	Mark Jennings	General Manager Airbus Team

Student Award Program: The Program (see www.usaire.org) was launched in April among selected French “grandes écoles”. By end-May, 23 candidates/teams had submitted summary papers on, “My Vision of the Aerospace and Defense Industry 20 years from now”. Of these, 13 were selected by our jury and invited to submit their 10-page final papers by 27 September. Our Jury is now reviewing them to determine the winner(s) who will share our exceptional prizes of money and two free Cathay Pacific airline tickets A/R to Hong Kong. The winner(s) will also present their papers at a USAIRE event.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Friday, 20 October: Our **next luncheon** (12h00-14h30) will be at the Hotel Marriott, Champs Elysées with Guest Speaker, **Jean-Marie Poinboeuf**, CEO of DCN (Direction des Constructions Navales). Mr. Poinboeuf is expected to discuss DCN’s participation in the Euronaval show at Le Bourget as well as commenting on the industrial development of DCN. Invitations have been sent out.

Friday, 20 October: Our **Annual General Assembly** will also be on this date (14h30-15h15) following the luncheon. Invitations have already been sent out. All dues-paying members are encouraged to attend. The Board will review USAIRE events of our Sep 2005-Aug 2006 fiscal year. We will also advise of the new composition of the Board, future events, dues revision, etc.

Friday, 24 November: This is advance notice of our annual Thanksgiving dinner. Dues-paid up members are entitled to two free invitations. Companies may “rent” a table in their name (cost per person is EUR 100).

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