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Good Friday Morning from our Observation Deck.....overlooking the officially designated "Cargo City" area and..... Runway 25-Right, at **Los Angeles International Airport**, voted "**Best Cargo Airport in North America**." Here's what happened in our industry for July 2009.

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OUR "A" Section: Trade, Financial & Inland News***

1. **Freight Forwarder Trade Briefs** _____

*****U.S. Trade A Little More Positive** as the deficit in May decreased US\$2.8Bn to US\$26Bn compared to April, it's lowest level in 9 years, as U.S. consumers & businesses continued to rein in spending, according to Commerce Dept. figures. A key factor in the results was a strong showing by exports, which rose 1.6% to US\$123.3Bn on increased sales of industrial machinery, food & feed. Imports fell 0.6% to US\$149.3Bn, as the U.S. brought in less oil & auto parts. The other strong factor was a weak dollar as America continues to spend.

*****NAFTA Takes A Dive** as the North America's Super Corridor Coalition (NASCO) reported U.S. trade using surface transportation between its North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) partners Canada & Mexico fell by 33.1% in April 2009 from the same month a year earlier. Citing Bureau of Transportation Statistics (BTS) figures, NASCO said trade was US\$49.7Bn for the month. April was the 4th consecutive month with a yearly decline of greater than 27%. Surface transportation consists largely of freight movements by truck, rail & pipeline, noted the NASCO report. About 88% of U.S. trade by value with Canada & Mexico moves on land. Imports in April were up 19.5% compared to April 1999, while exports were up 24.9%. U.S.-

Canada surface transportation trade totaled \$30.2Bn in April, down sharply by 38.2% compared to April 2008. The value of imports carried by truck was 32.8% lower in April 2009 when compared to April 2008, while the value of exports carried by truck was 31.2% lower during this period. U.S.-Mexico surface transportation trade totaled US\$19.5Bn in April, down 23.4% compared to April 2008. The value of imports carried by truck was 22.0% lower in April 2009 than April 2008 while the value of exports carried by truck was 18.0% lower.

******"10+2+Teeth"** as U.S. importers will be subject to US\$5,000 fines for each instance in which a shipment security filing is late, inaccurate or not properly withdrawn when necessary, according to penalty mitigation guidelines published by U.S. Customs & Border Protection. Penalties will also apply to updates to amend an original Importer Security Filing (ISF). The agency said it also reserves the right to impose additional penalties for serious or repetitive violations of the electronic data requirements. Under the ISF rule that went into effect in Jan., importers must submit a form with 10 pieces of detailed information about their cargo shipment 24 hours before the vessel is loaded in a foreign port. Ocean carriers must submit two data sets to Customs -- the container stow plan within 48 hours of departure and container status messages within 24 hours of being entered in the carrier's computer system. The rule is referred to as "10+2" for the 12 data sets required. CBP also gave its most definitive statement to date about "Do Not Load" (DNL) messages. The notice said that failure to comply with the filing requirements "may result in the issuance of a Do Not Load hold, the delay or denial of a vessel carrier's preliminary entry permit/special license to unlade and/or the assessment of any other applicable statutory penalty. CBP may also withhold the release or transfer of the cargo until CBP receives the required information and has had the opportunity to review the documentation and conduct any necessary examination." Penalty Guidelines begin on Page #29:
www.cbp.gov/linkhandler/cgov/trade/legal/bulletins_decisions/bulletins_2009/vol43_07172_009_no28/43genno28.ctt/43genno28.pdf

******"10+2" 2009 Outreach To Spare The Teeth** as U.S. Customs & Border Protection is hosting trade outreach events in various locations around the country during Aug. & Sept. to provide the trade community with an opportunity to learn more about the new Importer Security Filing and Additional Carrier Requirements (a.k.a. ISF/"10+2") interim final rule. These events are intended to give the importing & filing community a basic understanding of how to fulfill the new requirements. Space is limited so pre-registration is requested using the CBP on-line registration process. See the schedule:
www.cbp.gov/xp/cgov/trade/trade_outreach/09_outreach_schl.xml

*****GT Nexus Says It Wants To Help Little Guy**..... as the global trade software firm has launched a new service designed to help small importers comply with the U.S. government's "10+2" information requirements for cargo security. GT Nexus has touted its trade & logistics portal as a way for suppliers and customers to share shipment information on a common platform that is available in real time. The "10+2" rule, officially known as the Importer Security Filing, has created a huge challenge for industry because some of the 10 required data sets are difficult to obtain from 3rd parties at origin in time to meet the filing deadline 24 hours prior to vessel lading. The new offering, Easy ISF, for smaller importers is a change in direction for GT Nexus, which has tended to help large customers such as Sears, Nestle & Home Depot manage their ocean shipment information. CBP will begin enforcing the ISF requirements in 2010, after industry has completed a one-year practice period. Penalties for mistakes or late filings are subject to a US\$5,000 fine per shipment and importers could face delays trying to get complete information or if Customs puts a hold on their container.
www.qtnexus.com/

*****Japan & U.S. Join Secure Hands**as the countries have signed a mutual recognition arrangement June 26 aligning security standards in int'l trade partnership programs critical to both countries. The arrangement recognizes compatibility between the Japan & U.S. cargo security programs. The arrangement acknowledges that CTB & CBP will accept the security status of members of each other's programs. It is expected that this arrangement will result in

cost savings to both CTB & CBP because the number of supply chain security validations that each customs administration has to conduct will be reduced.

www.cbp.gov/xp/cgov/newsroom/news_releases/07012009_2.xml

*****Some Take The Economic Downturn Strongly** as China scrapped the takeover of a steel plant after workers killed a manager in a possibly unique instance of industrial mob violence claiming the life of a senior executive, an official said July 27. Workers at the Tonghua Iron and Steel Group beat to death newly appointed manager Chen Guojun on July 24 after he threatened to lay off up to 30,000 people in a controversial restructuring, the China Daily reported. "I haven't heard of anything comparable to this," said Geoff Crothall, a researcher at the Hong Kong-based China Labour Bulletin. Chen was killed when about 3,000 workers forced a production shutdown at the plant in northeast China's Jilin province after they heard privately-owned Jianlong Group was taking over Tonghua, the China Daily said. This would never happen at a GM plant -- but the pain is the same.

*****EU - Chosun Barriers Fall** as on July 13, 2009 that South Korea & the European Union (EU) have concluded 2 years of negotiations on a free trade agreement (FTA). The 1st round of trade talks began in May 2007. After 8 rounds of discussion, in March 2009 both sides reached a tentative agreement on phasing out tariff rates on 96% of EU goods & 99% of South Korea goods within 3 years. South Korea & EU also agreed to eliminate tariffs on all industrial goods within 5 years after the agreement becomes effective.

*****Schneider Logistics Sells** as it has sold its operation in Olomouc, Czech Republic for an undisclosed sum to ExlService Holdings, a provider of outsourcing & transformation services. Exl will provide business process support services for Schneider from the Olomouc facility.

*****C.H. Robinson Worldwide Buys** as the Fortune 500 3rd-party logistics company has acquired London-based int'l freight forwarder Walker Logistics Overseas. Walker is a global door-to-door logistics company specializing in air & ocean freight, warehousing and courier, with 5 offices in the United Kingdom, Ireland and the Netherlands. C.H. Robinson operates 27 branches in Europe.

*****C.H. Robinson Worldwide Buys On The Border** as it has acquired Int'l Trade & Commerce Inc., a U.S. customs brokerage based in Laredo, Texas. The move adds to the Minneapolis-based company's North American border freight delivery capabilities. ITC provides warehousing, distribution & customs clearance services targeted at cross-border trade between the U.S. Mexico. Founder Hector Tafoya will continue as general director of the U.S. & Mexico Border Operations Center. C.H. Robinson, with US\$8.6Bn in sales last year, has 10 offices & 100 employees along the southwestern border, as well as offices in major Mexican cities.

*****Goodbye Daewoo Logistics** as it has declared bankruptcy in a South Korean court. The Korean company is a spin-off of the bankrupt Daewoo conglomerate after the Asian financial crisis in 1998. Daewoo Logistics started as a non-asset company, but later diversified into ocean transport, operating a fleet of bulk carriers, car carriers and tankers.

www.dwlogistics.co.kr/main/e_index.asp

*****DGX-Dependable Global Express** has opened a new facility in Amman, Jordan, the freight forwarder's 1st Middle East office. The new office will provide logistics services to corporate, government & military customers, including ocean and air freight forwarding, customs clearance, inbound & outbound trucking. Dependable Hawaiian Express began as ocean & air freight company serving Hawaii & Guam and grew to become the major force in that Pacific region. The company has now become a true worldwide force.

www.dgxshipping.com/

President Brad Dechter's 2009 Outlook

www.joc.com/node/409640

*****Transported Asset Protection Assn. Will Fight Cargo Crime** as TAPA of Asia has formed an anti-cargo crime taskforce for China. TAPA Asia hosted a security workshop with manufacturers, law enforcement agencies and transport & logistics providers in Shanghai this week before launching the taskforce. TAPA said in a statement, "The cost of global cargo theft is conservatively estimated to be US\$15Bn to US\$30Bn a year. Adding the cost of investigating these incidents, processing insurance paperwork and paying claims takes the actual annual business impact of cargo crime to a potential US\$60Bn. High-tech products, such as cell phones, MP4 players, chips, laptop & memory sticks, continue to be favorite crime targets."
www.tapaamea.com/public/

*****Brown Pushes Green** as **UPS** says it will reduce airline carbon emissions by a total of 42% from a 1990 baseline by 2020. The company intends to achieve this by investing in more fuel-efficient aircraft types and engines; fuel-saving operational initiatives, and the introduction of biofuels. In 2008, a shift from ground to rail prevented the release of one million metric tons of CO2 emissions in the company's U.S. package operations. Also last year UPS says it became the first shipping company to join the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) Climate Leaders program - an industry/government partnership to develop climate change strategies. On July 7, UPS began operations from a newly-expanded section of its Louisville hub. Capacity has been increased 15% to handle 350,000 packages per hour at a cost of "less than the anticipated US\$1Bn". Phase II of the expansion is scheduled for completion in May 2010 for a total increase of 37% or 416,000 packages per hour.

*****Face Time** as her uniform looks good, with striped scarf & blue cap in perfect order, but railway employee Mitsue Endo has one thing to do before she faces the masses - pass the smile test. Endo, who works at hectic Shinagawa Station in central Tokyo for Keihin Express Railway Co., sits in front of a laptop computer with a digital camera mounted on top. At first she is a bit grim-faced, and the verdict from the company's smile-rating software is instant & candid. "Smile: 0" pops up on the screen. She breaks into a broad grin and the computer responds cheerfully, giving her a score of 70. The company has installed the system to help employees check their smiles before heading out to face customers. The test is optional, but at major stations like Shinagawa, the 250,000 riders who pass through per day can be rushed & agitated, and a happy face can go a long way. "Smiling helps our interaction with the passengers. I think the atmosphere becomes more relaxing with a smile," says Endo, whose job includes helping lost customers find their way and dealing with ticketing mishaps. Keihin uses the software at 15 of its 72 stations, concentrating on the busier locations. Taichi Takahashi, who works in public relations at the train operator, says it gives employees a chance to examine themselves before they go to work. "I don't think that we have had much opportunity to stare at our faces that close & for that long to check our facial expressions until now," he said. Have these guys ever visited a Bronx loading dock?

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2. The Cargo Letter Financial Page _____

- **AirTran Airways. UP** with a US\$78M profit for 2nd quarter 2009. Bravo!
- **Burlington Northern Santa Fe Corp. UP** with 2nd quarter net profit of US\$404M, 15 % more than in the same 2008 period. Bravo!
- **Canadian National Railway. DOWN** with net income of Can\$\$387M Canadian in 2nd quarter compared to Can\$459M in the same 2008 period.
- **Con-way Inc. DOWN** with 2nd quarter net profit of US\$33M, down 34% from the same 2008 period, but a turnaround from a US\$154M loss in 1st quarter 2009.
- **Deutsche Post DHL. DOWN** with 2nd quarter net income US\$93.7M, 71% less than in the same 2008 period.
- **Forward Air Corp. DOWN** as 2nd Quarter 2009 net income decreased to US\$2.8 M from US\$12.1M in the prior-year quarter..
- **GATX Corp. DOWN** with 2nd quarter net income of US\$12.7M or US\$.27 per diluted share, compared to 2008 2nd quarter US\$40.2M or US\$.82 per diluted share.
- **Horizon Lines Inc. DOWN** with a 2nd quarter net loss of US\$31.1M compared to profit of

US\$5.8M in same 2008 period. Company said results reflect legal expenses of US\$4.1M related to a U.S. government antitrust probe of the Puerto Rico-mainland trade, US\$20M charge related to settlement of a class-action law suit by Puerto Rico shippers, a US\$10.5M tax valuation allowance, and US\$900,000 for impairment & restructuring charges. Bad hand.

****Hub Group Inc. DOWN** with 2nd quarter net profit of US\$8.3M, 45% less than the US\$14.97M earned in the same 2008 period.

****J.B. Hunt Transport Services Inc. DOWN** as 2nd quarter net income of US\$24M, dropped from US\$50.6 last year.

****Kuehne + Nagel. DOWN** as earnings fell 12% to US\$436M for 1st half 2009.

****Landstar System Inc. DOWN** as 2nd quarter net income was US\$17.9M compared to US\$29.8M in same 2008 period.

****Matson Navigation (Alexander & Baldwin Inc.). DOWN** with 2nd quarter net profit of US\$12.6M, 57% less than it earned same prior year period.

****MOL. DOWN** with operating loss in 1st quarter was US\$127M, compared to a profit of US\$689M in 2008.

****NYK Line. DOWN** with a loss of US\$265.8M in 1st quarter, compared to US\$547.8M in profit in 1st quarter of 2008 fiscal year.

****TNT. DOWN** for the giant with 2nd quarter net profit fell 60.5% to US\$115M, while operating income declined 45% to US\$254M.

****Union Pacific Railroad. DOWN** with net profit of US\$468M in the 2nd quarter, 12% lower than same 2008 period.

****UPS. DOWN** with 2nd quarter profit of US\$445M, 49% less than it earned in the same 2008 period.

****USA Truck, Inc DOWN** with a net loss of US\$1.1M for the quarter ended June 30, 2009, as compared to net income of US\$2.1M for same quarter of 2008.

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OUR "B" Section: FF World Air News***

3. Freight Forwarder World Air Briefs _____

*****Pacific Cargo Continues To Fall** as the Assn. of Asia Pacific Airlines (AAPA) says freight ton kilometers (FTKs) dropped 17.4% in June compared to the same month last year. Coupled with a 15.4% reduction in cargo capacity, the average load factor for the month fell 1.6 percentage points to 66.8%. Commenting on the results, Mr. Andrew Herdman, AAPA Director General said, "The air cargo market remains depressed as a result of the sharp slowdown in int'l trade." For the 1st half of 2009, AAPA in'l freight traffic registered a 22.3% decline in FTK terms.

*****Signs Of Life For Some U.S. Carriers** as U.S. carriers report a 20% decline in air cargo tonne miles for May 2009 compared to the same month a year ago. However Alaska Airlines increased its domestic traffic by 7.4% for May & Jet Blue recorded an overall 16.1% domestic gain for the year. The only major U.S. carrier to show growth in any int'l market segment was Continental with an 18% uptick over the Pacific in May and 1.5% overall for the first 5 months of 2008. Aside from Northwest (now part of Delta), US Airways showed the biggest decline in May compared to the same period last year. U.S. airlines' year-to-date traffic saw a 20.9% drop overall and again, outside Northwest, US Airways recorded the largest drop. Of the two U.S. Integrators, FedEx traffic dropped 19.2% overall for the month and 17.7% for the year. UPS, in comparison, declined 12.6% in May and 15.1% respectively.

***** Across The Pacific -- 1st In The Jet Age** as Qantas marks 50 years since it operated the world's 1st commercial passenger jet service across the Pacific. Flight EM774, the first to be operated by Qantas' new Boeing 707 aircraft, departed Sydney Airport at 3.35pm on July 29, 1959, bound for San Francisco, via Nadi & Honolulu. So as we lick our financial wounds in the current economic downturn, it may be time to remember the pioneers -- who risked their last dollar to pave the way for our modern system. Many failed. It's dangerous out there.

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Boeing_707
www.youtube.com/watch?v=dNIG1gbky1I

*****Canada Drops The Hammer On Price Fixing** as the latest round of cargo price fixing trials that has cost airlines hundreds of millions of dollars, The Canadian Competition Bureau (CCB) has fined Air France, KLM & Martinair Can\$10M. Air France will pay Can\$4M; KLM will pay Can\$5M & Martinair Can\$1M. The carriers admitted to price fixing rates from Canada between April 2002 & Feb. 2006. The CCB estimates the total was Can\$31.5M. Under Section 45 of the Canada Competition Act, each airline could have been fined up to Can\$10M and or face a 5-year jail term.

*****Paperless Japan** as the Int'l Air Transport Assn. said it has launched its electronic freight initiative in Japan designed to improve efficiency & reliability for customers by eliminating the use of paper documentation for air cargo shipments. The e-freight initiative is operational at Narita Int'l Airport for exports to Amsterdam, Chicago, Copenhagen, Hong Kong, Seoul, London, New York, Singapore & Zurich. Airlines, freight forwarders, ground handlers & shippers participating in the voluntary effort are eliminating the use of 13 paper documents that often add manual costs & time to process at point of delivery rather than in advance. Japan is the 21st location worldwide to enable paper-free cargo shipments. IATA's goal is to implement e-freight in all locations that have appropriate treaties & automated customs systems in place by the end of 2010. Editor Note: Readers are warned to note those countries still under the Warsaw Convention which require issuance of a paper bill of lading -- or there is no damage limitation available to the carrier of indirect air carrier..

www.iata.org/

*****Do They Know Something?** as Boeing Co. & Ethiopian Airlines have announced an order for five 777 long range jets. The companies said that Ethiopian is the 1st African carrier to order the ultra-long-range model. The order is valued at US\$1.3Bn based on list prices. The carrier is investing in the additional airplanes to expand its fleet and broaden its network. Ethiopian Airlines will use the 777-200LR to fly to new long-haul nonstop markets such as Washington, D.C., and Beijing. The airline is currently an all-Boeing operator.

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Boeing_777

*****B-747-8-F Soon To Fly** as Boeing officials this week touted the joining of the forward & aft fuselage sections with the wing & center section of the first 747-8 freighter as a major step toward final assembly of the aircraft, but analysts remain skeptical about the status of the delay-ridden program. Jim McNerney, chairman, Pres. & CEO of Boeing, told analysts this month that assembly is now 75% complete on the airplane and the program "continues to work toward a 1st flight late this year and first delivery in the 3rd quarter of 2010." Boeing has 78 orders for the new freighter from cargo operators including Cargolux, Nippon Cargo Airlines, AirBridgeCargo Airlines, Atlas Air, Cathay Pacific, Dubai Aerospace Enterprise, Emirates SkyCargo & Korean Air. The 747-8F is 18 feet & 4 inches longer than the 747-400F, offering carriers 16% more revenue cargo volume. Boeing said that translates to 4 additional main-deck pallets & 3 additional lower-hold pallets.

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Boeing_747-8

*****American Airlines Headed Back To The Brink?**..... as it reports a loss of US\$390M for the 2nd quarter of 2009 compared to loss of US\$298M for the same period last year. Cargo revenue for the quarter ending June 30 was down 42.6% to US\$134M with a yield drop from 43.74 cents per ton mile in 2008 to 33.53 this year. Cargo revenue for the 1st 6 months of 2009 fell to US\$278M from US\$448M in the same last year. Yield fell 16.3% to 36.12 cents per ton mile.

*****Cathay Pacific Continues To Fall** as it & sister airline Dragonair saw cargo tonnage fall 10% in June compared to the same month in 2008. The 2 airlines combined carried 123,860 tons of cargo last month, while the cargo load factor rose by 3.8 percentage points to 71.3%. Capacity for the month, measured in available cargo/mail ton kilometers, was down 14.3% from last year. For the year, tonnage has fallen 15.4% compared to a capacity drop of 14.1%.

*****The "New" Italian Kid** as all-cargo airline **Cargoitalia** has received its air operator's certificate (AOC) following a full review of its operations by the Italian civil aviation authority. Flights may start using Cargoitalia's recently delivered first MD-11 freighter, which the airline will use to operate a series of charters in July & Aug., before commencing the planned scheduled operations in Sept. The new Cargoitalia results from amalgamating the original Cargoitalia, which suspended operations in 2008, with the recently purchased Alitalia full cargo business. Cargoitalia's new owners are Aerolinee Italiane S.p.A. (66.7%) & Intesa SanPaolo (33.3%). Aerolinee Italiane in turn is owned by the Leali family (62%), other private investors (8%), Ricerca S.p.A. (Benetton), Selin S.p.A. (van den Heuvel) and Banca Intermobiliare, each having 10% stakes.

<http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Cargoitalia>

*****Air Cargo Germany Will Fly** as the new air cargo carrier based at Frankfurt-Hahn airport, has received its AOC and will begin flying charters with a B747-400SF "shortly" says the company. A 2nd leased Boeing 747-400SF is currently in KLM's paint shop at Schiphol, Amsterdam and will be delivered to the company at the end of July 2009. ACG intends to operate scheduled flights from Frankfurt-Hahn as soon as traffic rights are granted.

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Air_Cargo_Germany

*****Amerijet Reaches To The Border** as Miami-based air cargo operator & freight forwarder, said it has acquired a majority interest in expedited motor carrier Nations Express to augment its airport delivery & U.S.-Canada truck brokerage service. Terms of the deal were not disclosed.

*****Who Wants Gatwick?** as the last of 3 bidders in talks to buy London's Gatwick airport from Spanish infrastructure company Grupo Ferrovial S.A., the majority owner of BAA, has walked away over price disagreements, according to Reuters. Manchester Airports Group (MAG) said it would not raise its bid to the US\$2.46Bn sought by BAA but remains interested in the asset, Reuters reported. Gatwick, Britain's 2nd-busiest airport, has been for sale since Sept.

*****DB Schenker In New Hub**..... will open a new European air freight hub in Frankfurt in Aug., as it dedicated the facility this month. Import & export units operating at different sites will be merged into the new facility, which was built with an investment of about US\$71M. Cargo shipments will be bundled, stored temporarily & processed for onward carriage on the 15,000-square-meter ground floor of the logistics center. The facility's 2nd floor contains a roughly 10,000-square-meter warehouse for spare aircraft parts, as the company said it provides logistics to aviation industry. The facility includes offices for around 200 employees on 2 floors of office space. DB Schenker has also started a joint venture operation in Egypt with ITS Int'l Transport Service, its longtime partner in the country. The company has recently established joint ventures in Saudi Arabia & Dubai.

*****The Cargo Is "Pawsengers"** as Pet Airways is a new pet-only airline dedicated to pet-friendly travel. The booking is just like Travelocity or Orbitz. After looking at the video, we want to know if humans can just stretch out there & also enjoy the flight, without the kibble.

<http://petairways.com/content/where-we-fly>

The Video

www.youtube.com/watch?v=sc2lvz1LGTc

*****Flight To The Moon In Real Time** as families crowded around black & white television sets in 1969 to watch Neil Armstrong take man's first steps on the moon. Now, they'll be able to watch the Apollo 11 mission recreated in real time on the Web, follow Twitter feeds of transmissions between Mission Control and the spacecraft, and even get an e-mail alert when the lunar module touches down. Those features are part of a new Web site from the John F. Kennedy Presidential Library and Museum commemorating the moon mission and Kennedy's push to land Americans there first. Internet visitors can see animated recreations of key events from the 4-day

mission, including when Apollo 11 1st orbits the moon & when the lunar module separates from the command module, as well as browse video clips & photos and hear the radio transmission between the astronauts & NASA flight controllers.

WeChooseTheMoon.org

*****A Drink & A Dollar** as Spanish police briefly detained a drunk British man July 8 who was handing out money to strangers at the airport at Palma de Mallorca after arriving on a flight from Manchester, police said. The man, identified only as 59-year-old James B.N., laughed constantly as he distributed the bills & did not seem aware of what he was doing, police said. He had an unkempt appearance and his pants were soiled by urine. The Briton was carrying US\$70,000 in travelers' cheques & another US\$4,000 in cash at the time. Police did not say how much money the man distributed before he was detained. Police said he acquired the money from an inheritance. The airport at Palma on Spain's Balearic Islands is the country's 3rd-busiest in terms of passenger traffic. A total of 22.8M passengers passed through it last year, according to airport operator AENA.

*****Air** as a romantic wedding in the Tuscan countryside ended with injuries after an attempt to launch the bride's bouquet from a plane brought down the aircraft. Italian police say 2 people were hurt in the crash of the ultralight plane after the bridal bouquet they launched got caught in the aircraft's rear rotor. The flowers blocked the engine, bringing the plane down by a youth hostel. Police in the nearby town of Piombino said July 14 the pilot was lightly injured in the crash, while the passenger who threw the bouquet had several broken bones. The bride & groom were not aboard the plane.

*****Skin Shipping** as a passenger stripped naked during a US Airways flight & resisted a flight attendant's efforts to cover him with a blanket before 2 off-duty law enforcement officers on board subdued & handcuffed him. Keith Wright, 50, of the Bronx in New York, was taken into custody after he disrobed while sitting in his seat in the back of Flight 705 on July 2 evening. The plane was carrying about 148 passengers from Charlotte to Los Angeles. Wright was unresponsive when a flight attendant asked him to put his clothes back on. "She asked him on more than one occasion to put on his clothes. She covered him with a blanket and he took that off," said a spokesman for the Albuquerque airport. Wright punched & kicked the flight attendant, who asked 2 off-duty law officers for help, according to a criminal complaint. A Los Angeles police officer & sheriff's deputy helped the flight attendant subdue & handcuff Wright before the flight landed. The flight attendants also were dealing with an unrelated onboard medical emergency at the same time, which exacerbated the situation, the FBI said. The aircraft was diverted because of the medical emergency, and Wright's actions were a secondary reason for the unplanned landing, the complaint said. As the plane took off again, the usual announcement to please fasten your seat belts came over the loudspeakers with a twist. The message included **"a reminder to everybody to please keep your clothing on."** It got a couple chuckles," a passenger reported.

*****United Cagro Breaks Guitars** as an irked Canadian musician who accused United Airlines of breaking his prized guitar has taken his revenge, writing a song that has become an Internet hit and a public relations disaster for United. Dave Carroll composed "United Breaks Guitars" and posted it on YouTube after he said the airline damaged his treasured Taylor acoustic at Chicago's O'Hare airport last year. "We were sitting at the back of the plane with the band, and a woman who didn't know we were musicians yells out, 'Oh, my God they're throwing guitars outside'," Carroll said. After months of trying to get the airline to pay compensation & help repair the instrument, worth US\$3,000, Carroll changed tack. "I had this sort of epiphany," he said, "I'm going to write... songs about your airlines and I'm going to put them on YouTube & talk about my experience." The video features the folk-rockers looking on in horror as United ground staff clumsily play catch with a guitar case & pound it with mallets. A United Airlines spokesperson said "his video is excellent, and we plan to use it internally as a unique learning & training opportunity to ensure that all our customers receive better service." The American Federation of Musicians (AFM) said that Carroll's story was "not unlike the classic David & Goliath story," and highlighted a common problem for musicians. "With this one song David has

remarkably been able to accomplish something that lobbyists have been trying to resolve for 10 years," said the AFM. United is obviously thrilled -- analysts say this incident may have even affected the stock price. **See the video -- many millions have:**

www.youtube.com/watch?v=5YGc4zOqozo

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OUR "C" Section: FF World Ocean News***

4. FF World Ocean Briefs

*****Shipping Threatened?** as the latest version of Drewry Shipping Consultants' Container Forecaster presents a dire a picture as ever of the state of the ocean carrier industry. The report says the industry is still too mired in a market share mindset at the expense of scaling back services and laying up capacity to better match supply with weak demand. "The bad news for the container shippers is that there is no good news," Drewry said. "The green shoots some industry leaders have talked about are wishful thinking." Drewry is predicting a 10.3% contraction for container volume by the end of 2009, followed by 1% growth in 2010. That amounts to 2009 volume that's 27 million TEUs lower than the volume in 2007. The supply/demand index is forecast at 83.4 this year, dropping to 79.6 in 2010 as more tonnage is added from new deliveries.

*****Some Carriers Blessed?** as U.S. containerized imports & exports plunged 21% in the 1st quarter, with No. 2 carrier Switzerland-based Mediterranean Shipping Co. defying the trend with an 8.9% increase in import volume despite one of the worst periods in the history of containerized shipping, The Journal of Commerce reported. The 1st-quarter numbers reported in the Top 40 Container Line rankings published in The Journal of Commerce July 20 edition were the first to show the full impact of the global economic crisis. Although trade began to slow early in 2008, container volumes did not start to tumble until early in last year's 4th quarter. The slowdown in trade has forced ocean carriers to reduce staff & services and idle ships. Amid estimates that container ship lines could lose US\$20Bn this year, carriers in the Asia-to-U.S. market are asking customers to accept rate increases of up to 50%. Thirty-eight of the carriers on the JoC Top 40 lists recorded declines in exports and 18 of the 20 largest lines on the list posted double-digit drops in export volume. Denmark-based Maersk Line remained the largest carrier in U.S. containerized cargo, with 1st-quarter market shares of 11.8% in imports and 11.1% in exports. MSC was 2nd in imports, with an 8.5% share, and exports, with 11%.

*****U.S. Ports Struggle** as import cargo volume at the nation's major retail container ports climbed back above the 1 million-TEU mark for the 1st time in 4 months in May but is continuing to see double-digit declines compared with last year, National Retail Federation reported this month. U.S. import container volume for June was estimated at 1.06 million TEUs, down 18% from a year earlier, and July is forecast at 1.1 million TEUs, down 16% from last year. August is forecast at 1.14 million TEU, down 17%, and Sept. at 1.12 million TEU, down 18%. October -- traditionally the peak of the annual shipping cycle as holiday merchandise flows into stores -- is forecast at 1.15 million TEU, down 17%, and Nov. is forecast at 1.06 million TEU, down 14%.

*****The Deal May Not Stand** as Transpacific lines are preparing to cancel annual contracts signed less than 2 months ago in a desperate bid to shore up their finances. The 14 members of the Transpacific Stabilization Agreement (TSA) issued a stark warning to their customers that freight rates agreed for service contracts signed in May were not sustainable over the typical 12-month term & may have to be renegotiated. In an unprecedented move that reflects the plight of the industry, the TSA issued a statement saying members had adopted a voluntary across-the-board increase of US\$500 per FEU effective from August 10. This will apply to rates for all commodities and all U.S. destinations, the group said. The emergency action follows the latest Drewry data showing that average rates for Hong Kong to Los Angeles cargo had dropped to just US\$900 per FEU compared with more than US\$2,000 a year earlier.

*****The Dead Fleet May Hit A Record** as laid up container vessel capacity could hit 2 million TEU by the end of the year, or the start of 2010, according to forecasts from Alphaliner. Alphaliner said the number of idle containerships has fallen to 1.2 million TEU as of July 10 from a peak of 1.42 million TEU earlier in the year, however a glut of newbuildings to be delivered in the coming months are expected to push the number of idle vessels upward.

*****Tankers Say "NO" To Arms** as the Int'l Assn. of Independent Tanker Owners laid out a case this month against arming vessels to protect against piracy attacks. "The use of any arms carried on board ships will escalate the violence of pirate attacks and armed robberies and increase the risk of loss of life," the association said in a statement. "There should be no arming of ships' crews. Crewmembers are not trained in the use of firearms and should not be required to defend themselves and their ship. The group also advised that private security used to guard ships should also be unarmed.

*****Arresting al-Qaeda** as Egyptian security forces have arrested 26 suspected al-Qaeda loyalists on charges of plotting attacks on foreign ships passing through the Suez Canal, AFP reported July 10. The suspects, 25 Egyptians & a Palestinian, were in contact with the al-Qaeda-linked Islamic Army of Palestine, the interior ministry said in a statement. "It alleged that they had prepared remote-controlled detonators & explosives fabricated from armaments left over in the Sinai desert from Egypt's wars with Israel," the report said. "The cell was awaiting instructions from abroad from an Al-Qaeda operative, the statement said."

*****TT Club Is For Rotterdam Rules.** as it has issued a statement of support for the Rotterdam Rules. "The TT Club welcomes the harmonization, transparency and modernization of transport liability systems which the Rotterdam Rules will bring, if ratified by the major trading nations, and in particular, is supportive of the attempt to create a uniform and global liability regime," it said in a statement. The United Nations General Assembly adopted the Convention on the Int'l Carriage of Goods Wholly or Partly by Sea, known as the Rotterdam Rules, in December, and a signing ceremony will be held in Rotterdam in Sept. Rotterdam Rules will then be open for ratification by member states and will come into force one year after such ratification by at least 20 states. It has been supported by both the World Shipping Council and the National Industrial Transportation League, but European Shippers Council has been critical of the convention.

*****Good News - Ship Costs Will Decline** as the Drewry Shipping Consultants has forecast that daily operating costs for 9 types of cargo vessels will drop 3.4% this year, an unusual respite for ship owners that is not likely to last long. The report, **Ship Operating Costs 2009-10**, pointed to a decline in manning costs, insurance premiums and lube costs as oil prices receded. The consultant predicts that manning costs will remain stable and that repair & maintenance cost will fall in the short term. Drewry also suggested that owners who have previously used third parties for ship management bring those responsibilities in-house. As for insurance, the company said it is "a difficult area to predict."
www.drewrysupplychains.com/

*****German Carrier Saves Itself** as Hapag-Lloyd looks set to receive a cash infusion from its investors, according to statement from the carrier and reports out of Germany. The line, owned by a consortium of Hamburg-based investors & owned by the tourism group TUI, did not disclose details of the financial package. Shareholders of the line will return later this month with suggestions on how such a package should be structured. The line lost US\$302M in the 1st quarter and is projected by German banks to lose more than US\$500M for the year. TUI last year sold a 57% share of the line to the consortium.

*****Saving The Day In Chile** as Chilean container carrier CSAV has confirmed reports it has raised US\$145M from existing shareholders, in the 1st step of a restructuring plan announced last month. The deal succeeded in "easily surpassing the original target of US\$130M," the company said in a statement. "This capitalization is part of the US\$710M plan to

strengthen the company's financial position. Late last month CSAV announced a group of ship owners "coordinated in Hamburg" has agreed to inject an additional US\$360M into the company - reportedly in exchange for an equity stake.

*****The Singular Maritime Achievement For North America - Ever** as the culmination of a century-long dream to link the Great Lakes interior industrial hubs to the Atlantic Ocean, the **St. Lawrence Seaway & Power Project** stands as one of the largest public works initiatives of the 20th century. Between 1954-1959, the billion-dollar St. Lawrence Seaway and Power Project was the largest waterway & hydro dam project ever jointly built by two nations. It comprised seven locks, the widening of various canals, the taming of rapids and the erection of the 3,216-foot long, 195.5-foot high Robert Moses-Robert H. Saunders Power Dam. Through the decades the Seaway has seen the transport of 2.5 billion tons of cargo (equivalent to 87M truckloads) valued in excess of US\$375Bn. It also produces hydroelectric power for both countries. We celebrate the 50th anniversary of the 265-mile-long waterway that separates America from Canada.
http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Saint_Lawrence_Seaway

*****Kiel Canal.-- The EU Lifeline Link Falls.....** as traffic declined by about a 3rd in the 1st half of 2009 but figures have remained stable in June. The canal authority Wasser- und Schifffahrtsdirektion Nord said the number of vessels using the waterway, which connects the North Sea and the Baltic Sea, shrank from 22,153 to 14,643.

*****Fewer Vessels -- Faster Transit -- Economic Downturn Benefit?** as the Panama Canal Authority (ACP) released 3rd quarter (Q3) operational metrics for fiscal year 2009. In Q3, Canal Waters Time (CWT), the average time it takes a vessel to transit the Canal, including waiting time for passage, decreased significantly. Additionally, total transits and net tonnage decreased slightly. These metrics are based on operations from April through June 2009, the third quarter of the ACP's 2009 fiscal year, and are compared with Q3 of fiscal year 2008. Average CWT decreased 47.9% – to 19.96 hours from 38.31 hours. CWT for booked vessels (those ships holding reservations) decreased 26.5% – to 14.53 hours from 19.77 hours. In Transit Time (ITT) also decreased 26.6% – to 9.55 hours from 13.02 hours. The ITT begins when a vessel enters the first set of locks at either side of the Canal and ends when the vessel departs the last set of locks at the opposite side. Efficient Canal operations and a slight decline in transits are likely causes for the decreases in CWT & ITT. Total Canal transits decreased 6.4% – to 3,576 transits from 3,821.

*****Billion Dollar Locks** as the Panama Canal Authority (ACP) announced that Consortium Grupo Unidos por el Canal will design & build the waterway's new set of locks, the most anticipated project of the Panama Canal Expansion Program. The base price of US\$3,118,880,001.00 submitted by Grupo Unidos por el Canal did not exceed the ACP's owner's allocated price of US\$3,481,000,000.00. Wow!

*****Short Sea Shipping Gets A Boost** as the U.S. Senate Commerce, Science & Transportation Committee approved legislation sponsored by Sen. Frank R. Lautenberg (D-NJ) to reduce congestion on the nation's roads by encouraging freight to be carried by ships. The measure would create a grant program for America's Marine Highways to encourage shipping by sea or inland waterway and establish a new program to modernize port facilities to make efficiently transport freight. The bill would also establish a Port Infrastructure Development Program to improve the capabilities of port facilities to move freight. A single sea vessel can take more than 450 trucks off the nation's roads. The typical barge or ship can move 1 ton of cargo 576 miles on 1 gallon of fuel, whereas a truck would move that same cargo only 155 miles. America's sea ports are the critical link between all modes of transportation and the ability to move freight throughout the country, as ships carry more than 95% of the nation's non-North American trade by weight and 75% by value. Approximately 75% of int'l shipments to/from the U.S., measured in weight, arrive or depart by ship.

*****Terminal Command** as Capt. John Joseph Cota, the pilot who caused [M/V Cosco Busan](#), a 900-ft long container ship, to collide with the San Francisco Bay Bridge & discharge 53,000 gallons of oil into San Francisco Bay, was sentenced to serve 10 months in federal prison by U.S. District Court Judge Susan Illston for the Northern District of California, the Justice Dept. announced. Cota, who was a licensed bar pilot at the time of the collision, gave commands that caused the 65,131-ton Hong Kong-registered ship to collide with the bridge on Nov. 7, 2007. In papers filed in court, prosecutors told the judge that Captain Cota should receive a sentence of incarceration because he was "guilty of far more than a mere slip-up or an otherwise innocuous mistake that yielded unforeseeably grave damage. Rather, he made a series of int'l and negligent acts & omissions, both before and leading up to the incident that produced a disaster that, as widespread as it was, could have had even worse consequences. Capt. Cota abandoned ship by not following required safety procedures which then resulted in an environmental disaster" said John C. Cruden, Acting Assistant Attorney for the Justice Dept.'s Environment & Natural Resources Division.

*****Unintended Consequences** as according to a July 14 Associated Press report, a federal program to recruit more tugboat pilots may have backfired by allowing thousands of novice captains to take the helm, contributing to a 25% increase in the number of accidents on the nation's rivers. A review of Coast Guard records indicates that the U.S. tugboat fleet is increasingly piloted by captains who have spent as little as one year in the wheelhouse. The lowering of standards for qualification to any important job -- despite good intentions -- does not serve the public interest.

www.google.com/hostednews/ap/article/ALeqM5iedq9S6_s-1J2yiKsxPq952qCHJQD99AEK600

*****Good Morning Vietnam** as global marine terminal operator DP World has set Oct. 1st, 2009 as the date of the official inauguration of its state-of-the-art Saigon Premier Container Terminal (SPCT). A joint venture between DP World & Vietnam's IPC, SPCT is located on the Soai Rap River 15 km from Ho Chi Minh City. SPCT will establish Ho Chi Minh City as the country's main commercial hub.

www.dpworld.com

*****Throughput >>> Georgia Ports Authority** container throughput declined 10.5% in fiscal year 2009, but the port remained the nation's 4th-largest container port with 2.4 million TEUs handled. >>> **Port of Le Havre** handled 38.2 million tons of cargo in the first 6 months of the year, ship stores and bunkering included, a 1.7% drop compared to the 1st 6 months of 2008. The port said it handled 10.8 million tons of containerized cargo or 1.1 million TEU in the period, an 8% drop against 2008. >>> **Port of Marseilles-Fos**' container throughput increased 3% to 435,736 TEUs, in the first half of 2009. >>> **Port of Redwood City, CA** has recorded its lowest volume since 2002 for the fiscal year 2008-2009, a drop of 34% from the previous fiscal year, as through June 30, the port handled 986,727 tons over the previous 12 months.

*****This Month In U.S. Navy History**

1813- Sailing Master Elijah Mix attempts to blow up British warship [Plantagenet](#) with a torpedo near Cape Henry, Virginia.

1823 - After pirate attack, Lt. David G. Farragut leads landing party to destroy pirate stronghold in Cuba.

1882 - Sailors & Marines from 4 U.S. ships land to help restore order at Alexandria, Egypt

1944 - Following 43 days of naval gunfire & air bombardment, Naval Task Force lands Marines on Tinian, Northern Mariana Islands

1946 - In 1st U.S. test of adaptability of jet aircraft to shipboard operations, XFD-1 Phantom makes landings & takeoffs without catapults from [USS Franklin D. Roosevelt](#) (CV 42).

1948 - [USS Putnam](#) (DD 757) evacuates U.N. team from Haifa, Israel and becomes 1st U.S. Navy ship to fly the U.N. flag.

1958 - [USS Nautilus](#) (SSN 571) departs Pearl Harbor for 1st submerged transit of North Pole.

1960 - [USS Wasp](#) (CVA 18) departs Guantanamo Bay to support United Nations effort to calm

the newly independent Congo.

*****No Museum For The Guardians** as the U.S. Coast Guard Foundation, a non-profit organization committed to the education, welfare & morale of all Coast Guard members and their families, announced that, at a joint meeting of the Executive Committees of the National Coast Guard Museum Assn. & the Coast Guard Foundation, it was voted to postpone work on developing a National Coast Guard Museum. The project was launched to honor the efforts of our guardians of the shore & celebrate over one million individuals saved by the U.S. Coast Guard—the only branch of the military that does not have a museum.
www.coastguardfoundation.org

*****USS Dolphin (AGSS 555)** has opened for public exploration at the **Maritime Museum of San Diego**. The landmark research sub is responsible for many firsts in the industry, including the world record for deepest dive, still held today, & the 1st email sent underwater.
<http://sdmaritime.org/contentpage.asp?ContentID=725>

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5. **The Cargo Letter** Cargo Damage Dispatches
****Back By Popular Demand****

We're sorry, but there were so many sinkings, explosions, pirate attacks, fires, cargo mishaps, battles on the water & other disasters at sea that we do not have room to print even the highlights this month. **Many people lost their lives at sea this month!!**

But you can read all this month's disaster news at our special Internet web feature which provides full details of each event -- our **Vessel Casualties & Pirate Activity Database**. Bookmark the site and visit every day! Updated twice daily.
www.cargolaw.com/presentations_casualties.html

SPECIAL NOTE: Please view the dramatic new pictures at our special "**Gallery of Cargo Loss**" website feature.
www.cargolaw.com/gallery.html

See our new features for July 2009:

"Big Bunch 'O Black Barges - Beached"
www.cargolaw.com/2009nightmare_margaret.html

"Holy Ship!" - **M/V Marti Princess** & **M/V Renate Schulte** - July 2009. Photo of The Year - **Any Year!**
www.cargolaw.com/2000nightmare_singles.only.html#Marti.Princess

See our newest photo feature "**Singles Only**" - Transportation Disasters Told In A Single Photo!
www.cargolaw.com/2000nightmare_singles.only.html

Daily Vessel Casualties as we don't want you to miss the excitement of our 24 hour reports of the dramatic events at sea each day -- stories of casualties & pirates --- almost none of which are carried on your local news. Edited daily by **Christoph Wahaner, Esq.** of **Countryman & McDaniel**.
www.cargolaw.com/presentations_casualties.php

NOTE: The historic dangers of carriage by sea continue to be quite real. **Shippers must be encouraged** to purchase high quality marine cargo insurance from their **freight forwarder** or **customs broker**. It's dangerous out there.

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OUR "D" Section: FF in Cyberspace***

6. The Cargo Letter "Cyber Ports Of Call"

Here are our suggested world wide web sites of the week for your business, your information and your amusement.....

Cargo & Trade>>>>>>

Brazil-U.S. Business Council
www.brazilcouncil.org/

Brazil Trade Net
www.braziltradenet.gov.br/frmDefault.aspx?lang=I

A Letter To The Somali Pirates
www.emailthis.clickability.com/et/emailThis?clickMap=viewThis&etMailToID=1644553000

Conversations In Logistics -- Is An Advanced Degree Necessary?
www.purchasingbizconnect.com/class_room/conversations.php?topic_id=178

Best Strategic Sourcing & Procurement Best Practices Case Studies.
www.purchasing.com/article/219373-Strategic_sourcing_case_histories_How_They_Buy_archive.php

Do You Have What It Takes To Be A Trucker?
www.hulu.com/watch/33278/americas-toughest-jobs-recap-mon-sep-1-2008

Japan, U.S. Sign Arrangement to Align Security Standards for Cross-Border Business
www.cbp.gov/xp/cgov/newsroom/news_releases/07012009_2.xml

How To Get Started In The Int'l Trade Field -- Start Your Business
<http://business.gov/expand/import-export/>

Roundtable For Sustainable Aviation Biofuels
www.safug.org/

The Shipper's Voice opinion, policy & insight
www.shippersvoice.com/

U.S. Dept. of Agriculture's Animal & Plant Health Inspection Service Proposed Regs For Imported Plants
<http://edocket.access.gpo.gov/2009/E9-17535.htm>

U.S. Dept. of Homeland Security 5th Anniversary of The 9/11 Commission Report
www.dhs.gov/xlibrary/assets/dhs_5_year_progress_for_9_11_commission_report.pdf

WTO Comprehensive Tariff Database standardized Harmonized System (HS) codes for a list of WTO member countries
www.wto.org/english/tratop_e/tariffs_e/database_explanation_e.htm

PRODUCTS>>>>>>>>

DriveCam's Driver Risk Management Solution developers say device lowers driving events between 37% & 52%
www.drivecam.com/Fleet/Fleet-Risk-Management-Solutions.aspx

Dry Dock For Sale

www.maritimeequipment.com/ShowAd.aspx?id=105612

Dubai Red Tape Explorer guide covering all aspects of daily life.

www.amazon.com/gp/r.html?R=3BOQJ0LMBB2&C=GM8OCHNRGEJ8&H=RMFJWA8JE08NFZ8LTSQZH5WE8A&T=C&U=http%3A%2F%2Fwww.amazon.com%2Fdp%2F9768182997%2Fref%3Dpe_606_12562730_pe_ar_d1

Research & Markets: Latest Study 'Air Cargo – India'

www.researchandmarkets.com/research/42cf70/air_cargo_india

EVENTS>>>>>>>>>

Transport Events

www.transportevents.com/

Trade Shows, Exhibitions, Conferences & Business Events Worldwide

www.eventseye.com/

World Trade Organization Events

www.wto.org/english/news_e/meets.pdf

4th Annual Canada Maritime Conference Sept. 23 - 24, 2009, Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada

<http://joc.com/cmc>

6th Annual Port & Maritime Security 2009 Summit14-15 Sept. 2009, RACV Club, Melbourne Australia

www.portmaritimesecurity.com.au/

8th Annual Maritime Security Expo 20-21 Oct. 2009, Long Beach

www.maritimesecurityexpo.com/

20th Breakbulk Transportation Conference && Exhibition 13 - 15 Oct., New Orleans

<http://joc.com/bb>

2009 AirVenture Oshkosh..... 27 July - 2 Aug. 2009, Oshkosh, WS

www.airventure.org/newsletters/090512.html

www.airventure.org/planning/advance.html

2009 East Coast Maritime (ECM) Conference Oct. 5 & 6, 2009, Jersey City, New Jersey

<http://guest.cvent.com/i.aspx?5S,M3.3799e6dd-3528-4420-a7f1-434d7836d925>

Air Freight Asia 2009..... 8 to 10 Sept. 2009, Singapore

www.airfreightasia.com/

Council of Supply Chain Management Professional's 2009 Annual Global Conference Sept. 20-23, Chicago

<http://cscmp.org/>

e-Navigation Conference 2009 Nov. 17-18, Bell Harbor, Seattle, WA

www.enavigation.org/

Expo Logistica Panama14 & 15 Oct. 2009, Panama

www.expologistica.org/

FIATA World Congress 200921 - 25 Sept. 2009 in Geneva, Switzerland
www.fiata2009.com/

Global Maritime Information Sharing Symposium (GMISS) Sept. 15-17, National Defense University, Washington, D.C.
www.regonline.com/Checkin.asp?EventId=750800

IANA'S Intermodal Expo Nov. 15 - 17, 2009, Anaheim, CA
www.intermodal.org/events_files/expo_files/index.html

Int'l Freight Week 18-20 Oct. 2009, Abu Dhabi National Exhibition Center
www.internationalfreightweek.com/

Intermodal 2009 3-5 Nov. 2009, Feria Valencia Spain
www.intermodal-events.com/

MARAD Approved Maritime Security Awareness Classes
<http://71.14.2.130/moodle/>

MarineLog Global GreenShip Sept. 17-18, 2009, Washington Marriott Hotel, Washington, D.C.
www.marinelog.com/DOCS/MSECMMV/globgreenreg2009.html

National Maritime Salvage Conference & Expo Oct. 6-8, 2009, Arlington Virginia
www.marinelog.com/DOCS/Conf.html#salvageanchor

SNAME 2009 Annual Meeting & ExpoOct. 21-23, 2009, Providence, Rhode Island
www.snameexpo.com

TOC Americas 2009
www.tocevents-americas.com/page.cfm/Link=1/t=m/trackLogID=63453_24008873E7

U.S. Customs "10 + 2" Outreach Events Scheduled in 2009
http://cbp.gov/xp/cgov/trade/trade_outreach/09_outreach_schl.xml

U.S. Customs Broker Exam Monday, Oct. 5, 2009
www.cbp.gov/xp/cgov/trade/trade_programs/broker/broker_exam/notice_of_exam.xml

U.S. Customs Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) Regarding Wood Packaging Material
www.cbp.gov/xp/cgov/trade/trade_programs/agriculture/wpm/

Virtual Trade Show -- Environmental Initiatives For A Sustainable Trade & Transportation
..... 15 & 16 Sept., 2009
<https://vts.inxpo.com/scripts/InXpo.nxp?LASCmd=AI:4;F:QS!10100&ShowKey=1650&AffiliateKey=7496&AffiliateData=Micro>

Demo:
<https://presentations.inxpo.com/Shows/InXpo/Tour/Exhibitor/player.html>

Washington Union Station's Centennial Celebration
<http://newsroom.dc.gov/show.aspx/agency/ddot/section/2/release/15040>

Free Webcasts>>>>>>

OSHA Compliance For Private Fleets Aug. 19, 2009, 1:00 p.m. Central Time
<http://links.e.jkeller.com/ctt?kn=30&m=33701465&r=Mjk0MDg0ODc5MAS2&b=0&j=NTM3N>

[TY2ODIS1&mt=1&rt=0](#)

Vehicle Maintenance: Compliance & Practices Aug. 27, 2009. 1:00 p.m. Central Time
<http://links.e.jkeller.com/ctt?kn=35&m=33701465&r=Mjk0MDg0ODc5MAS2&b=0&j=NTM3NTY2ODIS1&mt=1&rt=0>

General Interest>>>>>>>>

Air New Zealand Nude Saftey Training Video crew members spent about 3 hours having the body paint applied.

[www.youtube.com/watch?v=7-Mq9HAE62Y&feature=response\(underscore\)watch](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7-Mq9HAE62Y&feature=response(underscore)watch)

All-Female Presidential Air Crew

www.navy.mil/swf/mmu/mmplyr.asp?id=12916

Dirtiest Apartment In America

www.myapartmentmap.com/contest/dirtiest_apartment/

Earth Speaks

<http://earthspeaks.seti.org/>

For Sale: America's Only Floating Chapel but why?

www.weddingsonwater.com/

Human Space Flight

www.spaceflight.nasa.gov/home/index.html

I Hate Crocs

www.ihatecrocs.com/

Luggage Concierge meet your bags there

www.luggageconcierge.com/

M/T Exxon Valdez 20th Anniversary

http://cgvi.uscg.mil/media/main.php?q2_itemId=498155

My Truckin' Luck the hot new game, named after a popular expression among drivers.

www.purplepaw.com/2009/07/my-truckin-luck-game/

Navy Remembers Apollo 11

www.navy.mil/swf/mmu/mmplyr.asp?id=12891

Remind we need to be

www.remind.org

Style Your Garage -- It Won't Be Boring To Your Neighbors. We promise

www.style-your-garage.com/

The Riley Guide lists all websites offering job search engines online

www.rileyguide.com/internat.html

Video of General Electric's Hudson River PCB Dredging Project includes aerial view of vessels at work in Upper Hudson

www.hudsondredging.com/video/flv/HudsonDredgingBegins.dv.zip

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